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To
All those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, and especially my much endeared Friends the Parents of this Childe of Wonders: Grace and Peace be multiplied, through the Knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

THe Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord (in the whole dispensation thereof) seems to be nothing else but a Composition of wonders, every thing therein being matter both of wonderment and document: And as in other respects, so particularly in the manner of the propagation thereof, and in the way whereby our wise good God hath brought

it home, and setled the precious truths thereof upon the hearts of his chosen ones. Though God useth a generall Uniformity, yet is there also a particular variety of Dispensation; God sometimes stepping out of the ordinary course of instituted means, to meet with the darkenesse, unbelief, and other weaknesses of poor souls, especially in these last Ages of the World, wherein there are some rarities of Providence, whereby God seemes to speak unto us, that he is intending to do some new and strange thing in the Earth.

1 Cor. 1. 27, 28. And if you look narrowly what these means are which God hath chosen out, you shall plainly discover that of the Apostle to be verified all along, that they are *the foolish*, *the weak*, *the base*, *and the despised things of the World*. He hath not chosen armes, or armes of the Mighty ones, nor the mouth of the Sword, but the Sword of the mouth; for *out of the mouthes of Babes and Sucklings he hath ordeined strength*, whereby he effecteth wonderfull things, for the advancement of his Kingdome here in the World. That which comes out of the mouths of these Babes shall accomplish his Royall Will. Psal. 8. 2.

Thus it was with the Head and Captain Generall

Generall of this Infantry, the Lord Jesus; he was at first a Babe and a Suckling; and the Apostles were such in their originall; and such are all those who are their * Successours.

* *In idem caput*, though not *in eundem gradum.*

But this Scripture seems to receive a further completion, even in the Letter of it in this instance and example, of which I shall now make Relation. Out of her mouth the Lord hath ordained such things should be uttered as may (I hope through his blessing) prove instrumentall for the promoting of some part at least of that glorious Gospel-Designe of Love towards lapsed Creatures, (which you will finde recorded in the subsequent Relation, and that both in the time of her extream weaknesse, as also since her Restauration and Recovery: and becaus God hath raised up one, so extraordinarily to declare so much of his Will unto us; surely God expects that we should more then ordinarily improve these his dispensations, and the rather, because such *Mirabilia Dei* are usuall presages of great mutations in the Countreys where they are acted; and if men answer not God in such Providences, he usually gives them up to spiritual evils, and after that to temporal Desolations. May not *Germany*, *Scotland*, *Ireland* acknowledge this

with teares in their eyes? that they have not walkt worthy of the glorious appearances of God amongſt them; and may not *England* ſubſcribe the ſame confeſſion in letters written (as *Draco*'s Lawes were) with their own Blood? Hath not God ſhewed ſignes and wonders in all theſe Nations? Hoſea 7.9. And are not ſpirituall Judgements as gray haires, viſibly here and there upon us? and is it not obſervable, that the Jewes before their being given up to utter Deſolation, enjoyed the higheſt diſpenſations that ever? when a people are lifted up to Heaven (as *Capernaum* was) with Goſpel-priviledges, and yet have much of hell in their practices; the next news we hear of them will be, that they are brought down to Hell by Gods Judiciall Providences.

The extraordinary works of Gods mercies being abuſed, make way for extraordinary Judgements.

But I wiſh & hope that others, but eſpecially you my dear Friends & relations, who have been eye and ear-witneſſes of theſe rare actings of Providence, and whoſe hearts have been ſo much affect'd therewith) will wiſely conſider the Lords doings, and lay them upon your hearts, until your hearts be warmed therewith, and your lives conformed accordingly.

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This Childe being acquainted with ſome intentions of ſome of her Friends to print her Speeches, anſwered, I wiſh they may aime at a right end, a moſt ſeaſonable *Item*; and if we do not endeavour to have them firſt printed in our hearts, and to publiſh them in our lives, we ſhall give but a poor account of the publication of them to the world.

If the World muſt know (as we do judge that fit, that ſuch a light ſhould not be ſet under a buſhell) what God hath done for us: I beſeech you, let's carry it ſo as the World may know (to our joy and not grief) what we do for God.

Oh let's take heed to our ſpirits, that we do not with theſe ſweet flowers of mercies, as children with their Noſegayes, ſmell at them and delight in them for a ſhort time, and then caſt them away. God hath done wonderfull things for us; Oh that it might appear, he hath wrought wonderfull things in us! His wonderful works do declare his Name is neer to us; let our works declare that his Name, his Service, Word, Worſhip, and all his Inſtitutions and Commands are dear to us. If God walk in the middeſt of us, then we ſhould be exactly careful, that no unclean thing be found in us. It did much aggravate Mal. 2. 15. Deut. 23. 12, 13, 14.

grave: *Solomons* defections from the Lord,
1 King. 11. 12. that they were acted after *God had appeared to him twice*; God hath not appeared once or twice, but many times, and in sundry manners, and particularly in this Providence, (much of God appearing in her every time she spake) how great will our sin be,
Ezra 9. 13, 14. if after God had given us such a deliverance, nay so many mercies in the womb of this, we should again break his Commands, grow loose and mindless of God, and forsake his Ordinances, and wayes, (as many do?)

Gods Works in this instance declare his Name to be neer, and that exclusively, by way of exclusion of all other names; and *David* might mean so much in that phrase that his Name and the names of all his gallant and Heroick Commanders were to be excluded, that Gods Name might not be obscured; God did all in this businesse, and therefore it's fit that he alone should be exalted. Oh let's give him that little, all we have: let's strive to exalt him, he may be higher in our hearts, (though not in himself) and the rather, because these Providencies have fruitfully administred varieties of advantages for the raising up of our spirits in the exaltation of Gods glorious Name. May not the parents of this childe say with

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wonderment, *God raiſed up one out of* Davids *Houſe*, 2 Sam. 12, 11. *who attempted to deprive him of his earthly Kingdome*: but God hath raiſed one out of our Family, who may be inſtrumentall to further our enjoyment of an heavenly Kingdom. They (I know) deſire that others would help them in endeavouring to render according to the mercies received, and how ſhould they or others improve ſuch diſpenſations, but by labouring to act faith at a higher rate, then we have done? Faith hath two legs, whereby it comes to Chriſt, (and it's called a comming to Chriſt, *John* 6. 35.) ſubmiſſion and cloſing; in ſuch mixt providences as theſe (where God checkers his diſpenſations, working Checker-work,) there will be much uſe of a ſubmitting frame of heart, to ſubmit our ſelves, children and all to the Will of the Father of our ſpirits, *Heb.* 12. 9. and we ſhould improve this Providence (in raiſing up this Childe) by faith, for the raiſing up of the Church from under all her Convulſions and prevailing diſeaſes; many other wayes we ſhould improve ſuch Works of God, but I have already exceeded the bounds of an Epiſtle.

I ſhall onely urge you and my ſelfe to ſuck that ſweet breſt of the promiſe, *Pſalm* 50. 15.

50.15. you have prayed, God hath delivered, and now he expects to be glorified, and he promiſes, you ſhall glorifie me: Can then our unbelief, our dead, ſluggiſh, fickle, unconſtant and forgetfull heart hinder it? if God ſay, thou ſhalt, who hath reſiſted his Will? Oh then lie at the pool of this promiſe, untill your unbelieving, unthankfull hearts be healed. Lie at this beautifull gate, untill you receive an almes, and a word Come, that ſhall raiſe up your Spirits, that you may walk, and leap, and praiſe the Lord. Let me entreat you to review this *Childes Speeches*, but eſpecially to eye God in all his providentiall actings towards her, untill your hearts be raiſed to exalt the glorious Lord in all thoſe Attributes, which ſhine forth in this Scene of his Actings; Eye them for the ſtrengthening of your faith, to truſt God in all your ſtraits, to ſubmit to God when he is pleaſed to preſſe you down with the left hand of afflictions, whileſt he writes a fairer copie of his Law in your hearts, with the right hand of his holy Spi-
Pſal.75.2. rits powerfull viſitations; eye them that you may learn to love Jeſus Chriſt with more ſincerity, and to uſe the world more cautelouſly, leſt it uſe (nay ride) you (as others) with
2 Cor.7.3. great cruelty: eye them, that ſo you may

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learn to ſanctifie God in your hearts, who hath diſeaſes and cures at his command; who gives the opening of the mouth, and cauſes the tongue of the dumb to ſing, and the tongue of the ſtammerers to ſpeak plainly, and confirmes the feeble knees (all which and more he hath done for this Childe:) eye them alſo, that your hearts may be brought in love with, and confirmed in your love to the precious (and yet ô ſad, deſpiſed) Ordinances and Inſtitutions of Jeſus Chriſt, the King of his Church, (which God hath opened a Childs mouth to plead for;) And if you may gather ſuch ſweet fruits as theſe from off the Branches of theſe providentiall actings of our wiſe God. I ſhall ſit under the Tree rejoyeing, that God hath made me Inſtrumentall to call you forth to ſo good an employmet, and ſubjoyn my ſelfe,

Ezek.29. 21. Iſai.32.4. Iſai.35.3.

Your's,

Sheffeild, *(Through Grace,)*

January 20. 165$\frac{3}{4}$. James Fiſher.

To the godly, conſciencious READER.

IT is thy priviledge for ſoul-advantage that thou liveſt amongſt Sermons, and it is a choice mercy in the *Saints Count-book* that now when ſo many bid Preaching depart, and Ordinances depart, and Duties depart; yet ſtill the Lord is not wanting to appear (in ſome kinde or other) owning his appointments. Yea, thou mayſt obſerve Jeſus Chriſt to be ſo deſirous of thy Company, that he leaves no means unattempted to win thy ſoul to God; for the deare love of Jeſus Chriſt ſeems to *flow and break over the banks of ordinary means*, that ſo it may encompaſs thy heart, and fetch thee wholly into the Father. Now ſurely, Chriſtian, thou wilt confeſs, that 'tis a barren *ſoul indeed* whom the *over-flowings* of *Chriſts* love will not make fruitful. Believe it, Gods unwonted layings out of Love are not anſwered with ſtinted and wonted layings out of obedience. Great coſt and little incomes is un-

unprofitable trading. When the Lord help us to receipts, we had need beg hard that he would help us with returns; for questionless God expects those should be *Commemoration-dayes* whereon his Saints have their *exceedings of Love*: 'tis certain, Christians, when Jesus Christ steps out of his *high-road*, he has some special businesse then with *Sinners*. Now, thou to whom this Book shall come, the Lord (thou seest) hath stepped aside to speak with thee, take heed how thou refusest to heare the voice that speaks from Heaven. Christ sees that *Word-preaching* will not serve, and therefore he sends thee both *Word* and *Work-preaching*, and all that he may make thee *Eternally blessed*. Oh do thou not still go about to frustrate Christs endeavours, in his work of winning thy poore soul; 't may be thou hast long stopped thine *Eares* to his *Words*, but what wilt thou stop thine *Eyes* to his *Works too*? Oh look to this young *Divine*, to this *Child-Preacher*, or rather to the *Lord* in this *Childe-Preacher*; and if thou canst not spell *Christs meaning by his words*, yet put together *Words* and *Works*, and thou shalt soon see what they make; if thou canst not know *Christ* by his *ordinary appearings*, yet, oh learn to know him by his *Extraordinary*: for truly it is a *brutish* thing to *bury Christ* in his own works.

Look,

Look, Christian! Here thou mayest see a bush burning and yet not *consumed*, yea a bush *burning*, and yet *blossoming*. Natural life preserved, when natural *means* of *preservation* were denied; but indeed a few *loaves* will feed five thousand, when *Christ* has the blessing of them. God can make a little of the *creature go farre*, when he makes it up with a great deal of *Christ*; for we see, though her *Commons* were shorter then *Daniels*, yet we finde her very *well-liking*: *think* therefore at what *Ordinary* or rather *Extraordinary* hath she dieted; surely she had food, we knew not off. Well might *she live who fed so plentifully on life it self*; and certainly that life of hers was a happy life, which dwelt so neer the life of happiness. We did not know why the life of nature should be continued, except it were that the life of grace might be prolonged; but this we found, that the continuance of her life was a continued Sermon, and did preach forth the wonderful power and love of Jesus Christ; as if she had learnt a new and holy *Art of living poor souls to God*; or as if *Faith* were to come by seeing. Gracious *Childe!* who for her age might be a *Learner*, and yet is made so learned a *Teacher*, who so sweetly takes *Christ* for her *text truth* for her *Doctrine*, and *Holiness* for her *Use*.

Surely

Luke 2. 46. Surely 't was he who *at 12 years old was found in the Temple, sitting amongst the Doctors, hearing of them, and asking of them Questions.* 'twas he (I say) who hath ranked this *Twelve years-old Childe* amongst the *Doctors* of our *Israel*. 'Twas he that made her Sermons, she onely did but preach them: For her Speech bewrayed she had been with Jesus. Oh what gracious words she uttered! nothing but honey dropt from her mouth, and that such honey as tasted much of the spirituall *Canaan*. And indeed, Christian, none can speak so heavenlily, none so healingly, none so sweetly, none so feelingly, as those that have much of God speaking in them. The Sentences she uttered are in this Book recorded. And now canst thou read, and not wonder; wonder, and not desire to read? And yet the manner of her speaking added *Emphasis* to the things she spake. Her eyes were fixed, as if she saw Christ; her countenance cheerfull, as if she imbraced Christ; her lips smiling, as if she kissed Christ; yea, her armes sometimes sweetly clasping, as if with *Simeon* she had got an arm-full of Christ.

What think you meant her soul, whilest her body used such an action? Oh what happinesse for a poor soul to lose it selfe in the All-

All-fulneſſe of Chriſt! truly, theſe things made us all cry out, *What manner of Childe ſhall this be?* But oh ſee the wonderfull workings of our God. He has let her come down into this lower room againe. God ſeemed to take her out of the crowd into his Chambers up above, where he ſweetly whiſpered his minde unto her; and now he hath ſent her back again, that ſhe may live over her own Sermons. And yet ſo was God taken with her company, that he would not let her come down again, till his Children had petitioned again & again for her. And then the more to endear his mercy to us, he ſends her down in the Armes of Prayer. So that now we finde this truth in our own experiences: *That a Chriſtian reacheth higheſt when he is on his knees.* I might ſpeak much more of her, but I had rather commend grace then gracious perſons. Oh let this (I beſeech thee) with the other ſoul-helps Chriſt affordeth thee, prevail with thee to be good in good earneſt: it's not leaves or bloomes that Chriſt looks for now, but fruit. I confeſſe indeed, the *Winter* of *Religion* ſeems to be paſt, wherein both bloomes and fruit, *Profeſſion* and *Practice* was nipped and Luke 1.66

ſuppreſſed: and now is the *Spring*, wherein moſt men are fair in bloom, which gives me hopes that the Lord is bringing about a time, when holy lips and holy lives, heavenly Communication, and heavenly Converſation ſhall meet together; ſo that flouriſhing *Profeſſours* will prove fruitful *Practicers*. Oh! be not thou one, who ſhalt keep off ſuch hoped-for times as theſe: think how thou wilt anſwer all Gods coſts about thee. And if thou be he that muſt be called in to give an account for every word thou ſpeakeſt; ô then what account wilt thou give for every word that God ſpeaks to thee? Thou that haſt ſuch heavenly Doctrine, ô take heed of earthly Uſe: heart-warning exhortations, and heart-cooling converſations are fearfull and incongruous ſights. I confeſſe, if I did not in ſome meaſure know the Unteachableneſſe of a corrupt heart, I ſhould conclude, that *Non-profiting by ſuch wonders as theſe, is the greateſt wonder of all.* Well, Chriſtian! thou haſt a Providence here thrown into thy lap, ô improve it, and be not befooled with fleſhly wiſdome, but ô minde thy work, drive on thy ſouls trade. And if thou haſt an Intereſt in God, know

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thus much, that this Childe hath an intereſt in thee; when therefore thou goeſt to improve thy intereſt at the Throne, forget not Her, nor Him, who is

Finningley, Jan. 25. 1652.

Joyfull in this and all other thy Soul-helps,

John Firth.

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To the READER,

Grace here, & Glory hereafter.

THe voice of Providence (Chriſtian friend, for ſuch I ſuppoſe thee, and unprejudiced I wiſh thee) is never to be neglected, eſpecially when it is underſtood according to the Analogie of faith. Indeed, providentiall adminiſtrations are not to be forced: as it ſeemes to me over-bold, if not an impious act, to judge alwayes according to the outward face of diſpenſations, to make providences point out what we effect (as * he

judged of the Scriptures) even to ſpeak our prejudiced and partiall thoughts: ſo it is over-Atheiſt-like to let the righteous God be every day in the City, *b* and yet none to read any thing. *c* The Workes of the Lord are great, ſought out of all them that have pleaſure therein. *d Whoſo is wiſe will obſerve theſe things, and he ſhall underſtand the loving kindneſſe of the Lord.*

Here are a ſort of men in theſe laſt and worſt of dayes, that will believe nothing but what themſelves behold, and ſleight all *e* (*Thomas*-like) that themſelves have not a finger in. To get theſe above life *f* of ſenſe is not in my capacity, though it may be in my aime. I do acknowledge my obſcure teſtimony far below ſuch atchievments. *The ſword of the Lord and* Gideon *undertake them.* Yet, why may not a broken pitcher give ſome light, and that ſudden light diſperſe the *Amalekites*? though I can finde nothing in my ſelfe (my witneſs is in heaven) why I ſhould be in publick; for *bene vixit, qui bene latuit*; yet I dare not reſiſt that voice that calls me to bear witneſs to Gods workings, who hath ſo ſignally owned his now deſpiſed Miniſtry, and ſleighted Ordinances, ſpeaking withall peace to a toſſed and afflicted family. That never miſſed ſpirit (that ſhall peruſe the enſuing wonders) may any more deſpiſe; or

Scriptura naſus cereus & plumbea Lesbiæ ædificationis regula. Pighius *ex* Exam. Chem. *in* Secret. 1. Concil. Trident. Seſſ 4.

a Zeph. 3. 5 Pſal. 111.

b Pſal. 107 43.

c John 20. 35.

d Life of the hand, Iſai. 57. 10.

drooping poor soul (that shall hear how God remembred such an one in her low *g* estate, and heard the prayers of such nothing creatures) may any more despair.

g Psal. 136 23.

The Subject of the ensuing wonder is Mrs. *Martha Hatfeild*, a branch of a Family of good Note in the West of *Yorkeshire*, as to externals, having wherein they might glory. But (which is their glory) their great prerogative is not here, not in this World; that they are *bene nati*, is an emptie bubble, in respect of being *bene renati*; this is their ἐξουσία, *h* their priviledge that they are sons and daughters of God. This Family (as God useth to deal with *i* them he loveth) the wise God was pleased to keep in a low and dark condition, without were fightings within were feares: *k* but God, who comforteth such as are cast down, comforted them in this Infant-preacher, much of whose discourse was an earnest pressing unto faith. When her sorrowing parents and astonished friends were (as it were) at their wits end in relation to her sad condition, even then she wished them frequently to roll upon upon God, who would *bring them to their desired haven, to their expected end.* Oh let us labour for faith, (said she) *m* for *He that is faithfull unto death, shall receive the crown of life.*

h John 1. 12. ἐδωκεν ἐξουσιαν τοῖς πιστεύουσιν &c.

i Heb. 12. 6.

k 2 Cor. 7. 5, 6.

l Psal. 107. 30.

m In extasie of *Novemb.* 9. Revel. 2.

life. And in relation to their affliction (ſhe ſaid) *f* Satan is always malicing & perplexing the Children of God to make their journey uncomfortable, thinking that if he get not victory then, he ſhall never get victory; but my Chriſt hath vanquiſhed Satan. This handmaid of the Lord (Reader, to give thee a taſte of her) was pioufly principled even from her Cradle, the Spirit bloſſoming in her in the very Spring of her âge. Even while ſhe ſpelled words and ſyllables, ſhe ſpel'd out Chriſt; for if ſhe met with a free promiſe, or ſome good ſentence, holding out Gods love to man, ſhe would ſay, Mother, this is a ſweet place, and uſually read it over again. Yet, though ſhe thus grew in the inward, *g* her outward man was weakened and decayed, till the twelfth year of her age, the year of theſe wonderfull tranſactions betwixt God and her ſpirit, as if that year Chriſt would again honour now in this member of his, (to confute ſuch as would be thought ſome-body in theſe days) as once in his own perſon he ſilenced thoſe *Doctors of the Jewiſh Synagogue*. *h* In this eleventh year, *viz. April* 1652. her bodily diſeaſe increaſed; ſo did her love to heavenly things alſo; for even thoſe toyes which that age delights in, ſhe deſired not ſo much as

f In the ſame extaſie.

g 2 Cor. 4. 16.

h Luk. 2. 42, 46.

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o hear named by her ſiſters; ſetting her thoughts upon, and inuring her tongue to ſpeak of thoſe things above, where ſhortly ſhe expected to arrive. At laſt, the diſeaſe over-maſtered her ſtrength, ſeized upon the Organes of her ſenſes, ſo that ſhe could neither ſpeak, ſee, nor hear, (to the apprehenſion of any about her) ſhe could not move but as ſhe was born by others, and much of this time her teeth was ſo cloſed, that ſhe was not capable of receiving food, onely ſome liquid matter they dropped in at a broken tooth, and this very little, ſhe putting it out ſo faſt as it was given her; thus lay ſhe diverſe moneths, even untill *December*, an object of ſorrow to her parents, and of aſtoniſhment to all others, capable onely of their pity, not of their help; but a mirrour of the mighty power of God, proving by this argument, that *i Man liveth not by bread alone*; it is not the arm of fleſh that is to be confided in; *k* but he that knoweth our infirmities, is onely able both to help and heal them.

i Luke 4.4.
k Jer. 17.5.

During this continued *Paroxyſme*, ſhe had very frequently (ſometimes every day) certain grand extaſies, whereby (after that her body had been racked on the wheel of convulſion) it became as ſtiffe and expanſe

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as that bodie which is seized on by death and coldnesse. In which extasies God did to astonishment appear. For now flowed those streames of living waters, those precious, divine sentences contained in the ensuing pages: which thou tasting, with the Organes of the same Spirit they were delivered, thou canst but admire.

Look on the person, a childe going on twelve years, and canst but confesse that out of the mouth of a babe and suckling God hath perfected g praise. Look at the condition wherein she uttered these, in a deep trance; and dost not see it fulfilled, *that the tongue of the dumbe shall sing.* a Look at the things she spake, are they not *deep things of* b *God?* is there heresie or errour intermingled? Couldst thou discern the manner of her expressions, the vivacity of spirit, how the words drop from a touched, experienced, self-concerned heart; thou wouldst say, as the Queen of *Sheba* c said of *Solomon, The halfe was not told thee.* Look at the suitablenesse of the things spoken, and thou'lt confesse, they came not by the will of man, but this holy one of God spake as she was moved, d (borne, supported, and carried out) by the holy Spirit. Concerning this last circumstance,

g Psal. 8. 2.

a Jer. 35. 5. 6.

b 1 Cor. 2. 10.

c 1 Kings 10. 7.

d ὑπὸ πνεύματος

umstance, when some rashly affirmed, that he was acted by Satan, they judging according to carnall reason; at the next extasie which was the onely time of her speaking) he uttered thus, I am not in the hands of Satan, but in the hands of my God: when some pretenders to Revelations, (as these times are full of such) visited her, at that very time, she was carried out to say, *e Take heed you sowe not tares; for if you sowe tares, you shall reap tares:* and afterwards fully witnessed gainst them thus: Take heed you devise not Gods Ordinances, nor his Instruments that he hath sent to preach his Word. God will let you go on with your delusions for a time, but there will come a day of Judgement to try whether you be right or false; and *f* again, Lord restrain those that go about to interrupt those Instruments which thou hast sent to preach out thy holy Word in thy Congregations; it is requisite, that offences should come, but wo to them by whom they come. *g November* the ninth being purposed for a day of seeking God by fasting and prayer, the night before she encouraged them that were about her, *h* with that of the Psalmist, *Call upon me in the day of trouble, & I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glo-*

ἁγίου φερόμενοι ἐλάλησαν ὃι ἅγιοι, 2 Pet. 1. ult.

e Job 4. 8.

f In extasie, Octob. 9

g In extasie, Nov. 1. Luke 17. 1

h In extasie, Nov. 8. Psal 50. 15

a In extasie of *Novemb.* 9.

b Jam. 1. 24

glorifie me. And the night after the work was done, she admonished them *a* thus: Oh let us call to minde what the Lord hath done for us, *b* and not be like the natural man that looketh his face in a Glasse, and presently forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Thus God by this his handmaid opposed profane scoffers, cautioned misled creatures, and bare witnesse to the excellencie and necessity of the now sleighted Ordinances and Ministery.

Reader, here thou mayest a while behold (as it were) a conflict in her godly parents betwixt joy and grief; their teares issued not all from the same Fountain; the one eye was swolne with drops of gladnesse, the other of sorrow: while they beheld the deep trials of God upon them, *their lips quivered,* *c* *rottennesse entred into their bones, they trembled in themselves:* but when again they beheld, how *d* God laid their tossed and afflicted, with fair colours checkered his work, paved his steps with black and white marble; then again they are comforted. *e* As that Popish Bishop, when not able to determine, whether *Solomon* were a childe of wrath or love, caused his *Effigies* to be drawn, half in heaven,

c Hab. 3. 16

d Isai. 34. 11.

e *Petrus Tenorius* Archbishop of *Toledo.*

en, half in hell; ſo they judge their affairs
o reſemble that Cloud, which uſhered the
raelites to the land of Promiſe; it had a
ark ſide as well as a bright. *f* Thus God
olds them till the time came that he
ould command deliverances for them;
then he put them on a way to attain this
nd, *not by might, nor by power*; *h* not wiſ-
ome of men, nor outward meanes of
hyſick, but that grace might be advanced;
o ſend for the Elders of the Church and
et them pray over the afflicted; which was
done *i* in the *ſpirit of grace and ſupplication*:
and after twice wreſtling with God in faſt-
ng and prayer, he was pleaſed to be intreat-
ed. And as glorioufly admirable was Gods
hand in raiſing her up, as in caſting her
down; for in the cloſe of the ſecond dayes
work, that God might manifeſt himſelfe *to
be a God hearing prayer*, *k* and that creatures
in their loweſt condition might never more
deſpond, he ſhewed ſome glimmerings of
his gracious favour, and within a few dayes
gave to her underſtanding, ſenſes, ſpeech,
the uſe of her legs, and ſince a daily income
of health and ſtrength, and which is better
then life, ſuffered not theſe high actings of
his Spirit to be an occaſion of puffing her up,
but

f Exod. 14
20.

g Pſal 44. 4
h Zach. 4. 6

i Zach. 12.
10.

k Pſal. 65. 1

but kept her in a gracious humble dependi
frame of ſpirit; for being inform'd wh
ſhe had ſaid, ſhe replied thus in her childi
ſpeech, *b* Have I? me cannot tell, I can d
nothing of my ſelf, it was not me, it was th
Spirit of God in me; I am nothing but
poor earth-worm, and me hath nothing bu
what my God giveth me; for me is nothin
but duſt and aſhes. Again, ſome two
three dayes before God gave her the uſe
her legs, her father deſiring to neglect n
lawfull meanes, wiſhed one to ſignifie hi
pleaſure to her, that he had thoughts o
procuring a Phyſicians advice concernin
her; whereto ſhe ſweetly anſwered, ſh
would be diſpoſed by her parents will, bu
her deſire was to wait Gods end, ſhe coul
wiſh no Phyſician might partake of any glo
ry with God; for he alone had done th
cure, he alone deſerved the praiſe.

b Decemb. 8 the firſt time ſhe ſpake out of an extaſie.

Thus (Reader) haſt thou a true Narra-
tive of that which ſeems marvellous in our
eyes: the Lord remove from thy heart all
ſelfe and prejudice, make thee willing to
give God the glory of his own workings;
ſlubber not over this paſſage of divine Pro-
vidence with careleſſe or profane thoughts;
eye God, learn to live by faith, and deſpiſe
not

not Ordinances, which God hath from heaven in this occasion borne witnesse to. I have purposely avoided all frothie flourishes of the tongue, lest the truth should be suspected; for I would win thy heart, not thy senses; not words, but things take wise men: of whose number, if thou would'st be thought one, judge soberly, and the end is obteined By

Church-*Sandal*, *January 28.* 1652.

The unworthiest, yet a faithfull Wel-wisher to thy precious Soul.

Wa. Barnard

THE NARRATIVE,

Wherein is related how

this Child was visited, and the manner of her Disease, when she did utter those Heaven-born Truths herewith published.

THis Child who hath been the subject of such wonders of Providence, is the daughter of Master *Anthony* and Mistris *Faith Hatfield* of *Leighton* in the West-Riding of *Yorkshire*; her name is *Martha Hatfield*: she was compleat twelve years old the 27 day of *September*, in the year of our Lord 1652. She hath been from her birth a childe of wonders, being so litle when she was brought

out of her mothers wombe ; that it w
thought ſhe would ſpeedily have returned
the common wombe , where all living mu
ere long be laid up. But God who quickne
the dead, who is the preſerver of man, con
tinued her life , and ſhe grew up very hope
fully, as a plant of Gods own planting , ye
ſome years before this viſitation, ſhe was ob
ſerved to be of a ſad ſpirit , oft retiring int
corners, and weeping for a long time , an
could not then render any reaſon thereof
but it evidently appeared afterward, that ſh
was much afflicted with the ſpleen-winde
which encreaſed (notwithſtanding the uſe
of means) to greater extremity.

But before I proceed, I muſt deſire the
Reader not to expect an exact Relation o
her Diſeaſe in phyſical terms of art; becauſe
it pleaſed the all-wiſe Diſpoſer of all occur-
rences ſo to order the ſpirit of the childe, and
his own dealings towards her , (as you may
ſee anon) that no means could be uſed to-
wards her recovery, and ſo no Phyſicians did
ſtay with her to obſerve the ſymptomes of
her diſeaſe; ſo that it's but conjectural what it
was ; it's thought the rigid convulſions , or
rather that it was a complicated diſeaſe of
many of thoſe diſtempers which affect the
brain ; but I ſhall give it you in our Coun-
trey

Σπασμὸς κωικὸς.

ey Dialect, as those that were usually with
r did apprehend it.

I shall observe this Method:

1 I shall speak of her disease.

2 Relate her speeches.

3 The manner of her recovery.

1 Her Disease.

The Spleen-winde (after some time) did
row to that extremity, that she could not
igest her meat, but vomited up all that she
ook, which yet was but a small quantity for
long time; after which she was taken all
f one side, beginning at her neck, which
aused her to hold her head awry; and from
hence it went into her arm, and took away
he use of it for many dayes, and when her
rm was better, it fell into her leg on the
ame side, and continued there until she fell
quite down, which was after this manner.
She had extraordinary fits of violent vomit-
ing, and after that Convulsions, which oc-
casioned extream torments, especially in the
night, and so she continued (sometimes bet-
ter, sometimes worse) for many dayes, sore-
ly troubled with a stopping, &c.

In which time she had the use of her un-
derstanding, and could speak, and with ma-
ny sweet words was able to exhort her pa-
rents to trust in God. Saying; If we had but

faith, it would carry us thorough all the tro
bles of this world.

April 6, 1652. Then about *April* the ſixth, 1652, ſ
perceived ſuch a change in her, that w
thought ſhe would die preſently, and ſhe f
into a fit of extream pain in her ſide, whi
took away her breath, and her ſenſes for
houres; and ſhe was ſtricken all over ſtiff,
which time ſhe lay (as if dead) hopeleſſe
life in the judgements of thoſe who behe
her. Yet about the third houre ſhe was e
abled with great alacrity to expreſs the joy
of Heaven, and ſweetly prayed for herſel
and all her relations, as ſhe conceived the
neceſſities required.

Her Prayer. Firſt, for her father thy ſervãt, the head of th
family, Lord, give him faith in Jeſus Chriſt
to lay hold upon thee, and give him patienc
to be contented with thy will; and for ou
mother who hath been ſo long weak, Lord
reſtore her, and make her a comfort to us all
and teach her to ſubmit to thy will; and fo
my Grand-mother that old ſtock, that old
ſtock, that thou haſt made ſuch a comfort
to us, good Lord, we thank thee for her,
and if I live, I deſire to be thankful for her.
And for our brother who is to be diſpoſed of,
good Lord, direct the heart of thy ſervant
our father to diſpoſe of him as may be moſt

for

thy glory, and for the good of his ſoul
d body.

Good Lord, bleſs our ſiſter who hath ta-
n ſo great pains with my mother and me;
d our other little brother, Lord, make him
ine, and guide him in all his wayes in his
ung yeers, that his ſoul may be precious in
y ſight; and my other ſiſter the Lord
ve her grace. And that other little ſiſter,
od Lord, take away that infirmity from her
ye, if it be thy will. And for that ſiſter whom
hou haſt diſpoſed of in marriage, the Lord
leſs that family, and give them more and
nore of thy Spirit to guide them in thy
wayes; and, Lord, give him a Spirit of prayer,
ut let us not make haſte, for thy time is the
eſt. And for that little branch, Lord, as it
grows in days & years, grant that it may grow
n grace, and walk in thy way. And for that
godly ſweet ſervant of thine * (that prayed
ſo heartily for me the laſt night) the Lord
bleſs him; and, Lord, bleſs thy ſervant, who is
gone to uſe means for her health, and bleſs
the means, for without thy beſſing nothing
can profit; and, Lord, if it be for thy glory
bring them together, and if not, make them
contented to yield to thy will. Good Lord,
bleſs all our Family, and make them thine,
and teach all our friends to walk in thy
wayes.

Her Uncle, Cap. Hatfield

When

Note. When ſhe began this prayer, all about her were ſo amazed with the ſuddenneſs of it that they could not (for the joy and aſtoniſhment wherewith their ſpirits were filled) obſerve each paſſage ſo exactly as is deſired they had done, ſo that many of her expreſſions are loſt; but theſe things ſet down are (as neer as they that were preſent could recall to their thoughts) related and written down in her own very words.

After this prayer her head fell, and ſhe was as in a trance, and as ſhe paſt into it ſhe ſaid, The Lord be with you all, I am now going to Heaven, where I hope one day you will come to me. And when ſhe was come forth of that trance, in which they thought ſhe would have died, ſhe was exceedingly rapt up with joy (which perhaps was the Heaven ſhe ſpake of, that ſhe was going to) laughing, and ſpreading her arms, and claſping them cloſe to her, that they could not be opened; but preſently ſhe opened them, and expreſt herſelf in theſe words.

I have found my Chriſt, o, I have found my Chriſt, how ſweet is he to me!

Conflict. After this fit of joy, ſhe fell into a ſore conflict with Satan, and opening her arms which were claſped with hugging her ſweet Chriſt unto her, ſhe ſtruck ſo vehemently as

if

ſhe had more then ordinary ſtrength, and expreſt her ſelf in theſe words.

Away, away, away Satan, with a ſtern countenance (which was a great change in her face, which was ſo amiable before in her rejoycing of it) and ſo ſhe continued for ſome time, and then the Lord was pleaſed to give her comfort again.

Comfort.

And then ſhe laughed, and rejoyced much more then before, and ſpread her arms, and claſped them cloſe again, and ſaid; *O, my Chriſt is come again, my Chriſt is come again; he ſhall vanquiſh Satan, and caſt him behinde me.*

Conflict.

Then ſhe fell again into another conflict, with ſtriking as before, but never ſpake in a conflict; but the conflict being over, ſhe ſpake, and laught, and behaved her ſelf in the like manner as before.

Comfort.

O, now my ſweet Chriſt is come again, he is come again, and hath deſtroyed my ſpirituall enemy, who would have deſtroyed my ſoul. O labour for Chriſt, and that the Name of Chriſt may be written upon all your hearts with letters of gold.

Thus one time with comforts, and at other times with conflicts, ſhe continued the greateſt part of one night (which they that were preſent thought, was about the ſeveral times that

that night, but they were all ſo aſtoniſhe
both with the matter and manner, that the
could not certainly relate how many of tho
conflicts and comfortable fits ſhe had ; ne
ther indeed (as they acknowledge) are the
able to relate themanner thereof, as it wa
made known unto them.

Untill April 23 After this about 17 dayes, ſhe lay ſtiff an
never ſpake all that time , and it pleaſed th
Lord ſo to order her diſeaſe,that ſhe came t
her ſelf twice a day : *viz.* at twelve a clock a
noon-day, and ſix at night, and then ſhe di
underſtand herſelf , but could not ſpeak,and
to theſe times ſhe kept conſtantly for abou
17 dayes, and then ſhe would make ſignes to
waſh her mouth with ſmall beer or water,
they not knowing what ſhe would have, but
ſhe could manifeſt diſlike of what was offer-
ed ; if it was not that which ſhe deſired ; ſhe
took no food all this time , but onely waſht
her mouth (as was ſaid) twice a day.

April 23 About this time coming to her ſelf, ſhe
fell into great extremity of vomiting for two
dayes, and that which ſhe vomited was like
gall or ſoot, and bloud , and by times contin-
nued in that extremity for ſeven or eight
dayes , and was carried about in the arms of
one or other , or ſate on their knees having
little reſt, ſave ſome ſhort Dormes;ſhe ſpake
much,

uch, and uttered many ſweet expreſſions.

Many times being deſired to take ſome ood, ſhe anſwered; I would take food if God would give me leave, but I cannot, I annot; and when they would do any thing bout her (if it might be) to give her ſome aſe, ſhe would ſay, Alas, here's no eaſe ere, O that you will not ſuffer a poor crea- ure to have ſome eaſe! there's no comfort o be had here, but there's eaſe in Heaven.

At another time, ſhe ſaid, O Lord, ſome eaſe for a poor diſtreſſed creature; Lord, for hy Son Chriſt his ſake.

Again, Where's my father and my mother, hat they may pray for me? I had a father nd a mother, and brethren and ſiſters.

Again, ſhe was much troub'ed, and ſaid, What a naughty, naughty Laſs was I, to be ſo impatient? but now I have more pain, and the Lord hath given me more patience; now I can ſay with *David*, *It is good for me that I have been afflicted. Good?* It is good indeed, for my father hath got good, and my mother hath got good, and I have got good, and God hath got glory. I would not have been without this affliction for any thing; this is a good affliction indeed.

Her ſiſter *Hannah* ſpeaking to her, Muſt theſe little pretty hands go into the grave,

and

and rot in the duſt? I (ſaid ſhe) what ſhould they do elſe? poor ſinful corrupt fleſh.

Her father asking her, Childe art not hungry, thou haſt eaten nothing of a long time: She ſaid, I hunger for nothing but Chriſt, I am very hungry after him, I would very fain have him.

Then he asked her if ſhe would drink? ſhe ſaid, I am very thirſty for Chriſt.

They were ſpeaking to her of a Phyſician, but ſhe ſaid, *My comfort is in Chriſt*; I pray you trouble me not with the Phyſician. But ſpeaking to her father; ſhe ſaid, Wil you not? I beg of you that I may have no other Phyſician; Jeſus Chriſt will be my Phyſician: for my grave is better for me then to be here.

Again, Lord reveale unto me what is the cauſe of this affliction, what ſin it is that lies unrepented of; ſins of omiſſion, or cõmiſſion, or what ſins ſoever they are; Lord, reveal them to me, and pardon them all, and give me repentance for them; with many ſuch words which are not remembred.

Again, O Lord, I beſeech thee, look upon me with pitty and compaſſion; Lord, do not forget me, but think upon me.

Again, Oh my ſin is the cauſe of it; Oh teach me to ſay as *David, It is good for me that I have been afflicted.* Again,

Again, Good Lord, look upon me with
tty and compaſſion, and enable me to bear
y hand; Lord, mitigate theſe pains which
e upon me; Lord, pardon all my ſins, and
emove all theſe afflictions, which are upon
y body, if it ſeem good in thine eyes.

Again, The Lord hath in mercy looked on
e in his pitty and compaſſion; I hope I ſhall
ot be from my Chriſt long: *Come, Lord Je-
ſus; O come, Lord Jeſus, come quickly.*

Then ſhe comforted her ſelf with *Jobs*
aſe, that though he ſate on the dunghil,
craping his ſores with a potſheard, and
hough God gave Satan power over his bo-
dy, yet not over his ſoul, and though his wife
empted him to curſe God, (what a wicked
woman was that? what a wicked woman
was that? ſaid ſhe) yet his ſoul was precious
in Gods ſight.

Then muſing with herſelf, ſhe uttered
herſelf thus by way of Queſtion: Why did
God create man? for his glory.

Queſt. Why doth he afflict his children?
for their good.

Queſt. Why ſhould we deſire to die
when we are in afflictions? ſeeing the grave
praiſeth him not, and ſeeing it is for Gods
glory to live?

Again, ſhe ſaid; *Come to me, all ye children,*
and *I will gather you as a Hen gathereth her*

Chickens: and you ſhall ſing *Hallelujahs* in Heaven with Chriſt, and all his holy Angels.

Again, Happy are they who appear for Chriſt, for they ſhall appear with him in glory.

Again, at another time ſhe ſaid, that no body knew what troubles ſhe had gone thorough (in reading the Word and Prayer) by reaſon of evil and wicked thoughts, and that ſhe was glad ſometimes to leave off reading, and to go to prayer, and ſaid, I have ſought to God many times with teares (which no body knew of) to help me againſt unprofitable thoughts, but now ſhe had got the victory thorough Chriſt: and then ſhe laught.

Note. This (I conceive) was the cauſe of thoſe ſad fits of weeping (whereof I made mention before) of which ſhe could not, or at leaſt Satan would not ſuffer her to give any account.

Theſe and many other ſweet expreſſions fell from her in thoſe ſeven or eight dayes, which yet are forgotten, none thinking then to have preſented this ſtory to publick view; and whether theſe things be related in the order they were uttered, I'le not affirme, but this I may ſay, they are ſet down as neer as could be in her own words, without any additions, and this many credible witneſſes will teſtifie. And

And that you may be induced the rather to credit this, be pleaſed to take this character of this childe, that before this extream weakneſs fell upon her, ſhe was obſerved to be very frequent in private Prayer; and her mother being exerciſed with long weakneſs, ſhe would read by her out of ſuch good books as there were in the houſe: and her mother obſerved that ſhe would read with much affection, ſo that her mother thought, and ſaid ſhe hoped that her heart was taken with the things which ſhe did read; the childe would ſay (Mother forſooth) is not this a good ſentence (if you pleaſe) I will read it over again: ſhe was noted to be a very loving, tender-hearted, and affectionate childe to all; and eſpecially ſhe manifeſted it in many pregnant expreſſions to her mother in her ſickneſs. Ball *of Faith.* Burroughs *Treatiſes, &c.*

After this, *May* the firſt or ſecond, ſhe was freed from that extremity of pain, her diſeaſe much varying, and ſhe was ſtricken all over ſtiff, all her parts being extended, as if ſtretched forth, and if any one lifted up her arm higher or lower, there it would fix where they ſet it; and ſo buckle any joynt of her hand, and it would ſtand as it was ſet, & thus ſhe continued for 17 dayes, and never ſpake word, neither did ſhe take any thing, but *May* 1. *Untill May* 19.

they

they waſht her mouth with beer or water ſeveral times in a day.

It was noted, that when any did ſpeak to her concerning any thing of the World, or of any particulars (which as a childe) ſhe had delighted in, ſhe would then ſhew diſcontent; but if they diſcourſed of heavenly matters, then ſhe ſhewed no ſignes of diſcontent, but ſeemed to give attention.

May 19. 1652. Then her Convulſion fits were grown to greater extremity, the diſeaſe working with ſtrange varieties, cauſing ſeveral motions and poſtures, and then at ſomtimes ſhe had thoſe ſtiff fits or congelations, and then ſhe did utter thoſe ſweet ſayings afterwards ſetdown; and when ſhe grew limber, ſhe gave over ſpeaking.

Here I ſhall briefly note ſome things, and then ſet down her ſpeeches.

1 She ſpake not but in a ſtiff fit (or very rarely, and then but a word or two) and ſhe continued ſpeaking from *May* the 19, until *June* the 21, 1652: beginning uſually about eight of the clock at night, and ſo continued with ſome little intermiſſion between every ſentence to ſpeak for two houres or more, and then ceaſed until the next night about the ſame time: She did ſpeak ſome things in the morning, or ſometimes in the afternoon, but

but ſo very ſeldome, and then ſhe was limber all over, but then there were ſtrange workings of the Convulſions, twiſting her fingers, writhing her neck, drawing her mouth to her ear.

2 It was obſerved, that ſometimes in thoſe ſtiff fits wherein ſhe ſpake, ſhe would change her countenance, and look very ſadly and frowningly; and it was conceived by thoſe who beheld her, that then ſhe was under ſome temptation, becauſe the next thing ſhe ſpake (after ſuch frowning fits) was alwayes ſomething againſt Satan that roaring lurking lion, and then ſhe would ſmile, and look very cheerfully.

3 The manner of her coming into thoſe ſtiff fits, was with beatings of her hands upon her breaſt, and ſhe had ſore Convulſions, and then of a ſudden ſhe had all her parts extended, and then ſhe ſmiled; and then they knew that ſhe would ſpeak preſently; ſhe lay upon her back, and had the moſt ſweet, amiable, cheerful coũtenance that ever I beheld (excepting one or two frowning fits in a night) all the time of her ſpeaking. She had alſo rejoycing fits, claſping her arms, and laughing ſometimes, and ſometimes ſhe ſpake when the Convulſions drew her mouth awry, and when ſhe ſpake, ſometimes

times her ſpeech was lower, ſometimes more audible; alwayes with that vigour, vivacity, and earneſtneſs of ſpirit, that it did much affect the hearts of them who heard her; and ſometimes ſhe was ſo weake that her chaps only moved, but no words could be heard: further, it was obſerved that ſhe did alwayes ſpeak very good ſenſe, and when ſhe miſtooke, ſhe would go over with the matter again, and make it good ſenſe before ſhe left off.

4 Obſerve, that when her times of ſpeaking came, there was one who wrote her words, all helping to remember the very words as ſhe uttered them, and after they were written down (in the ſpace between her ſpeakings) they were read over; and every one deſired to manifeſt their aſſent if they judged the words to be truly related, and there were uſually many preſent, many ſtrangers comming daily to hear her, when her ſpeaking times were known, and I do believe and know, and many will witneſſe, that there was great care taken that her own words might be ſet down.

5 From this time untill a little before the Lord was pleaſed to reſtore her, it was thought that ſhe neither did ſee or hear, or know any body, and that ſhe never minded what

what was ſaid to her, nor anſwered to any thing that was ſpoken to her.

6 Theſe wonderfull providentiall allurances ſome have ſiniſterouſly interpreted ſurmizing, nay, ſome ſpeaking that ſhe was bewitched, poſſeſſed, &c. and that Satan did ſpeak in her, and that it was not her voice, but a voice in her; to whom God ſhall give an anſwer from Heaven in his late dealings and gracious diſpenſations towards her.

It was the judgement of a very judicious Phyſician who was ſometimes with her, that her diſeaſe was natural, her ſpeech ſupernatural.

It's true, we read in the Scriptures of God, that *Satan can transform himſelf into an Angel of light*, and hath ſpoken ſometimes divine matters, and quoted Scriptures (but corruptly often;) Satan herein (as *Lavater* obſerves) imitates Gameſters, who ſuffer young heires to win to make them more eager of the game; and ſo engages them till they have wonne all. Satan will comply with the tempers, and diſpoſitions of ſuch as he ſees ſtrongly enclined to gracious actings, rowing with the tide of their inclinations; but he notes alſo out of *Ambroſe* and *Chryſoſtome*, that he doth this, but to inſinuate into them,

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and to draw them by theſe artifices, by theſe delightful baits to ſwallow the hook of evil ſuggeſtions and temptations; but this childe never ſpake of her temptations, or uttered any of Satans language in thoſe her times of ſpeaking, but all her ſpeeches were ſweet and gracious, much of Chriſt and Faith, and againſt Satan; and againſt many Errours of the preſent times, both in judgement and practice, but nothing that might tend to promote Satans Kingdome, and I cannot think that Satan would have bin a mid-wife to help to the birth ſo many maſculine ſentences, and high-born truths, as this childe hath uttered; ſuch Diviſions would much tend to the deſtruction of his Kingdom; he would have mingled ſome of his droſs amongſt this pure gold, if he had prevailed ſo far as to gain any intereſt in and power over this childe.

7 In this long time of her ſilence, *viz.* ſeventeen dayes, her friends began to be much perplexed, fearing God had left her, and many Prayers were ſent up that he would pleaſe to open her mouth again, and upon the nineteenth of *May*, God having much ſtirr'd up her mothers heart to ſeek that mercy from him; ſhe comming into the room where the childe lay, could ſcarcely take her ſeat there, be-

before the Childe began to ſpeak, and the firſt words which ſhe uttered, and that with much vivacity of ſpirit, were theſe: *viz.*

I was in darkneſs, but now I am in light.

Which vvords her dear mother (vvith others) vvho had mourned under the vvant of that mercy, did take as a moſt ſeaſonable anſvver to their Prayers, and ſatisfaction to the doubts vvhich preſſed their ſpirits, and they vvere much revived vvith the appearances of God in this ſvveet change in the childe, vvho proceeded on to utter thoſe precious ſayings, vvhich novv I ſhall ſet dovvn in the order as they vvere ſpoken, and taken from her mouth.

Here followeth the Childes Speeches.

Which I ſhall ſet dovvn, and place over againſt them ſuch Scriptures as her vvords ſeem to relate to, though I cannot think that ſhe ever had in her thoughts, or ever read many of thoſe Scripture-phraſes vvhich ſhe uttered, but God did ſpecially help and guide her in her expreſſions, to the praiſe of his glorious grace; in a poor vveak unlikely inſtrument; vvhich may juſtifie our practice in

publiſhing theſe things, vve not dating *to put* ſuch *a light under a buſhel*; and if you conſider that theſe things vvere ſpoken by a childe not yet tvvelve years of age, and that vvhen ſhe vvas under ſuch prevailing diſtempers vvhich took avvay her ſenſes, and knovvledge of any friend, and her ſpeech at all other times, but vvhileſt ſhe uttered theſe things, I hope it vvill render the meaneſt of her ſpeeches no contemptible things.

The Childes Speeches,

May the 19th, 1652.

I Was in darkneſs, but now I am in light. Epheſ.5.8

Labour for Chriſt, Chriſt is crept in again, claſpe him in your arms, hold him faſt; now you have obtained Chriſt, hold him faſt.

Away with that *roaring lion*, chain him up, my God chain him up, Chriſt is come again; how ſweet my Chriſt is! how good my God hath been to me, to give me Jeſus Chriſt! when you get Jeſus Chriſt, hold him faſt; do not let him go. 1Pet 5.18

My God hath ſpoken a word of comfort; *Seek, and ye ſhall finde; ask, and ye ſhall have; knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you*: he bids me knock, and he will open. Matth.7.7

How ſweet is Jeſus Chriſt! ſweeter then gold and money; if you have him, hold him faſt; now we have him, we will not let him go; how ſweet my God is! Oh how ſweet my God is! Cantic.3.4

May

May the 20th.

Oh, what a God have we, that hath given Jesus Christ to die for us?

Psal.63.8. My God hath cast me down with his left hand, he upholdeth me with his right hand, but he will raise me up with both.

My Christ is heavier then all this world; weigh all the world and Christ, and he will weigh all down.

Oh what a glorious God have I, to give me his Christ to save my soul! who would but trust him? oh trust in him; when all things in the World fail, he will not fail, he will stick fast to you, trust him, oh trust in him.

1 John 5. 18. Pluck Satan away, pluck him away, my God, let him not touch me, let him not enter into my soul.

1 Pet. 2.34 My Christ is come again, ô, how sweet my Christ is! Oh, how sweet he is! those that feel the sweetness of Christ, they will trust in him.

Matth. 7. 14. *Strait is the way to heaven*, but my Christ is gone before me, and hath opened the gates, he hath laid up treasures for me in Heaven.

John 6.37. My Christ will not fly away from those that trust in him.

All

All the World is *vanity*, there is nothing to take pleaſure in, *but all is vanity and vexation of ſpirit*, but they that know the pleaſure and ſweetneſs of Chriſt, they will ſtick cloſe to him: Oh labour to get him by faith! Eccleſ. 1. 12. Pſal 9.10.

Struggle, Oh ſtruggle, let him not go, he is an everlaſting good to thoſe that depend upon him; I deſire to depend upon him.

Joy is in Heaven without ſorrow, and comfort without diſcomfort, where *Chriſt will wipe away all tears from the eyes* of thoſe that deſire to depend upon him. Revel. 21. 4.

Learn to know the ſweetneſs of *Chriſt*, *for they that love him he will never forſake them*, and thoſe that do truſt in him, and live to him, he will never forſake them. 2 Chron. 15.2. Pſal. 125. 1.

Labour for *Chriſt*, truſt in him, Oh ſerve him, and get faith in him.

Labour to truſt in *Chriſt*, and believe in him; thoſe that know the ſweetneſs of *Chriſt*, will embrace him, and never let him go; and he will embrace them, and never let them go.

Labour for *Chriſt*, that ye may have the joyes of Heaven with my ſweet Father, and his Angels for ever. John 17. 24.

My *Chriſt* is come again, taking me up in his arms to Heaven: Oh, how ſweet *Chriſt* is, embracing me in his arms, carrying me in *Noahs* Ark to Heaven! Iſai. 40. 11

Oh,

Oh, what a ſweet Father have I, that doth all things in wiſdom, for the good of my poor ſoul! *My God will ſtick faſt to me, he will never forſake me.*

Heb. 13. 5.

Labour to lay up *Chriſt*, embrace him in your arms, and when you feel ſweetneſs from *Chriſt*, hold him faſt. Oh, what a ſweet God have I to relie upon! now that I have obteined Chriſt, I will ſtick cloſe to him.

Act 11. 28.

My God doth all things in wiſdome, he knowes what is good for me.

Now my God hath pull'd back Satan that roaring Lion, and hath caſt him behind me: Oh, what a ſweet God have I! Oh, how ſweet is my Chriſt, he hath laid up treaſures in Heaven for this my ſoul.

May the 21th.

Revel. 3. 19. *Whom I love, I rebuke and chaſten: be zealous therefore, and repent.*

Why did God create his Children? for his glory. And why doth God afflict his children? for their good.

Matth. 23. 37. *Come to me, all my children, & I will gather you, as the Hen gathereth her Chickens,* & you ſhall ſing *Hallelujahs* with the holy Angels for ever.

Why ſhould we deſire to die when we

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are in affliction? ſeeing the grave praiſeth him not.

Happy are they that appear with *Jeſus Chriſt* here, for they ſhall appear with him in glory.

Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you reſt: Oh, *come to me,* (ſaith my God) *and drink of my drink, and thou ſhalt never thirſt*: Oh labour for *Chriſt.* Matth. 11. 28. John 7. 37.

All things I count but dung in compariſon of Chriſt. Phil. 3. 8.

Get faith in *Jeſus Chriſt*, and that will draw you nigh to God, and not draw you back from him. Epheſ. 3. 17.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will hear you. Pſal. 50. 15

What a ſweet Father have I to give me *Jeſus Chriſt?* who can be thankful? Can I be thankful? enough?

Pardon, and forgive me all my ſins, oh let not that roaring Lion get power over me, pluck him back.

Cleave to *Jeſus Chriſt*, truſt in *Jeſus Chriſt*, and he will never forſake you; ſtick faſt to *Jeſus Chriſt*, relie upon him; when all comforts fail in this World, he will never fail; therefore ſtick cloſe to him. Deut. 10. 20. Iſai. 26. 4. Heb. 13. 5

Get grounded in Grace, and pray to *Jeſus*

ſus Chriſt; never forſake him, and he will never forſake you.

Labour for *Jeſus Chriſt*, and if you get him, what is all the whole World? if ye be poore in this World, ye are rich in *Jeſus Chriſt*.

If we could but get into Heaven, there is comfort without diſcomfort, joy without ſorrow, where God will wipe away all tears: Oh, how happy are they that enjoy *Chriſt*! to them that enjoy him, he vvill make vvay for them; therefore labour to get *Jeſus Chriſt*, and ſerve him, and he will ſave you both from the dangers in this World, and in that which is to come.

John 14. 2,3.

May the 22.

Labour for *Jeſus Chriſt*, and to get faith in him and for the *life of faith in Chriſt*. Lord, give us the light of Heaven, that we may ſee *Jeſus Chriſt* with our ſpiritual eyes, for we cannot behold him with our mortal eyes.

Gal. 2, 10.

Labour for the life of *Grace*, that vve may behold the glorious God of Heaven; when all the light of our mortal eyes is gone, ſtill there is light in *Jeſus Chriſt*.

Come unto me, poor ſoul, and follow me, take up my croſs, and I will be thy Saviour.

Matth. 16. 24.

Take

Take heed of despising God, for fear that his wrath be poured out upon you. 1 Sam.2. 30.

If once we have obtain'd Christ, there will be no cause of mourning, but of singing and rejoycing, we shall then have no cause of mourning.

Come unto me, all ye that are heavy laden, and I will ease you. Oh, what a sweet God is this? Matth.11. 28.

Oh save me and defend me from that *roaring lion, that goes about seeking to destroy my soul.* 1 Pet.5.8.

When Christ which is our life shall appear in his glory, then shall we have light. Col.3.4.

Pull back Satan, cast him behind me: Oh Lord, thou knowest my whole heart dependeth upon thee.

May the 23.

Labour for Jesus Christ, get faith in Jesus Christ, and he will lock up your souls in his Cabinet, and keep you from that roaring lion, which goeth about seeking whom he may devoure.

Stick fast to Jesus Christ, and Satan can have no power over you.

Ah, that we should be led away with Satans temptations unto lies, to follow our corruptions; Satan labours to get a poore soul, and

and when he hath got it, he will caſt it into hell.

Ah, is it not better to be with my Father in Heaven, where we ſhall ſing *Hallelujahs* with holy Angels for ever?

Follow not Satans ſteps, but follow Jeſus Chriſts ſteps, and he will lead you up to Heaven.

Pſal.47.6. Pſal.103.2 *Sing praiſes, ſing praiſes to our God,* for all his mercies that he beſtoweth upon us, and be not ignorant of them, and forget them not; for if we forget them, he will be forgetful of us.

Take heed of Satan that roaring lion, take heed that he get not into you; for if he do, he will ſink deeper and deeper into you.

Labour for Jeſus Chriſt; for when all the helps in the World are gone, there is help in Jeſus Chriſt.

Lord, give us repenting hearts, that we may repent truly; and come we to Chriſt, that we may repent truly, that thy wrath be not poured out upon us.

Seek for Chriſt, look for Chriſt till you finde him, never give over till you have found him; when you have found him, ſtick cloſe to him; and he will ſtick cloſe to you.

Get faith in Jeſus Chriſt, believe in him; believe him in his mighty power, believe him in his glory. Lord,

Lord, give us the true light of Heaven, for we cannot see with our mortal eyes, but with our spiritual eyes we shall.

Oh what a good God have we, that never slumbers, nor sleepeth, but watcheth over his poor servants!

Come my Disciples, *take up your crosse and follow me*, and you shall be saved; *I will be your God, and you shall be my people.* Matth.16. 24. Heb.8.10.

O Lord, I desire to wait till my glass be run, for I long to be in Heaven with thy holy Angels rejoycing.

Those that hunger and thirst after Jesus Christ, let them come and drink of the water of life, and they shall thirst no more, and when Christ their life shall appear, then they shal appear with him also in glory. John 7.37. Colos.3.4.

Come unto me in time of trouble, and I will save and deliver you.

Come, my people, enter in at the gates of Heaven, and I will guide you in it.

My soul, O Lord, watcheth, and watcheth till the glass be run, to be in Heaven rejoycing with the holy Angels for ever.

Labour for Jesus Christ; what are we without Christ? we are but as a lump of clay or lead, full of corruption, and without the Spirit of God.

Oh, Good Lord, work a thorough work in us,

us, that we may be like thy holy Angels in Heaven.

Now my Christ is come again, oh that I could hold him fast, and not let him slip from me; Oh Lord, give us thankful hearts to thee, who hast given us Jesus Christ thy dear Son, to take our sins upon him; all our sufferings are nothing in comparison of Jesus Christs sufferings, he suffered the death upon the Cross for us.

Ezek.36. 26. *Lord, take away these stony hearts of ours, and give us new hearts*; and take away these thorns out of our hearts, and give us thankful hearts; that we may be ever thankful unto thee for all thy good gifts, that thou hast bestowed upon us.

May the 24th.

Isai.53.6 Lord, give us Jesus Christ, for without Christ we are nothing, but like lost sheep that are gone astray.

Take heed that the temptations of Satan overcome you not; lest he cast you into hell.

Not into our eares, Oh *Lord*, but come into our hearts, *and take away these stony hearts of ours, and give us new hearts.*

Jer.24.7. How good is thy Word, O God! how good is thy Word! ground it not in our heads, O Lord, but in our hearts.

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Pull back *Satan that roaring lion which goeth about seeking whom he can devoure*, and to caſt him into hell; oh follow not his wayes, nor ſteps, for in them there is nothing but blaſphemy and lying; but follow *Chriſts* ſteps, and there will be rejoycing for ever.

Before that *Chriſt* take you up into Heaven, he will give you full aſſurance of himſelf, and lock you up in his cabinet, and keep you from that hunting roaring lion. John 14. 22,23. & 17.26.

If he conquer me, he will caſt me into helfire, but my *Chriſt* will not ſuffer him to touch me; my *Chriſt* is ſtronger then he; he will not let him prevail againſt me. 1 John 5. 18.

My body is but wormes meat in the grave, but what care I for my body; ſo that my ſoul be in Heaven with my God and his Angels. Job 19.26.

Seek for *Chriſt*, and you ſhall finde him; hunt for him, and he will be found of you. Matth.7.7

Strait is the gate that leadeth to Heaven, and few there be that finde it, but wide is the way that leadeth to deſtruction, and many there be which go therein. Matth.7. 13,14.

The afflictions of the body are nothing, but the ſoul is a rare jewel; when both body and ſoul are afflicted, then there is cauſe of ſorrow; but pray to God that he may ſupport your ſouls. Pro.41.8.

O take my ſoul into thy protection, for if both

both body and soul should be gone, then all is gone, but when they are in thy hands, then they are safe, then there is no cause of sorrow but of rejoycing, and singing *Alleluiah* for ever.

Trust in God, walk in Gods way, the more you walk in Gods way, the more he will give you his assurance.

Get into Jesus Christ, for in him there is joy and comfort, and no cause of discomfort.

If we could but get one touch of the sweetnes of Jesus Christ, it would ravish our hearts, so that we would strive to get nigher and nigher unto him.

Oh, what a good God have we! who would not trust in such a God? let us but eye God, and he will eye us, and the more we look unto God, the more will his power be exalted in us.

What if a man have not onely part, but the whole World, yet he can never be satisfied; and a poor soul that onely hath a desire after Christ cannot be contented; but when a poor soul hath gained all Christ, then it is satisfied.

A poor soul will be alwayes hungring, hungring, hungring, and thirsting till he have gotten all Christ, then he will be satisfied, and say he hath enough.

How

How loving and gracious is our God, that doth all things in wisdome, and mercy, and for our good, in pitty, and compassion!

Oh, how happy a thing it is, and joyful for to see, when a poor soul is going to Heaven, and Christ sayes; Come, poor soul, come, come and I will lock thee up in my Cabinet, and keep thee from sin and Satan!

He is an everlasting God, stick close to him, and he will stick close to you.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent.

When we are in affliction, *Christ is all in all*, but some in their afflictions are apt to say that God hath forgotten them, but whom *God loveth he correcteth*; and afflictions are but to make us stick closer to God, that it may be for our good and comfort.

Let us sing praise to our God, and be thankful; let us not turn back from him, and he will not turn back from us.

Whom God loveth, he correcteth in mercy.

Correction is good for poor souls, it maketh them stick closer to Christ, and that they may know him the more both for his own glory, and their own good every way.

As the Father calleth his childe when he

hath done amiss, and asks why he doth so,
Isai.27.18, 19. and gives him correction: so God he gives his children correction, but it is for their good and comfort.

God scourgeth and whippeth his children, but he will not give them one whip, nor one lash more then is for their good.

Nchem.9. 33. Psal.121. 3,4. Mal.2 2. Just is God in all his dealings, *he neither slumbreth nor sleepeth,* but is diligent, and carefull in watching over his poor children.

Let us give him praise for all his mercies, lest he turn his blessings into cursings.

Labour for *Jesus Christ*, stick close to *Jesus Christ*, and he will stick close to you, he will never forsake you; till you have him, you can never be satisfied.

Phil.3.8. Labour to follow things according to *Jesus Christ*, for if we gain *Christ* we gain all.

Heb.13.5. When all helps fail, *Christ will never fail you, he will never forsake you.*

Let us labour to get into *Jesus Christ*, that we may be like the Angels in Heaven and let us bend our mindes to *Jesus Christ*, for his mercies are greater to us then we can desire.

May the 25.

Come, poor soul, come, poor soul, see how God stretcheth forth his hand to an afflicted soul;

ſoul; thou haſt been afflicted, but now I will take thee up into Heaven; God will take a poor afflicted ſoul into Herven.

Good is thy Word (O Lord) to be eſteemed not onely in our heads, but in our hearts; take away theſe ſtony hearts, O Lord, that thy Word may work a thorough work in us.

Oh take my ſoul, O Lord, into thy protection, and lock it up in thy cabinet, for I am aſſured (Lord) that I ſhall be in happineſs with thee, and thy holy Angels in Heaven.

Labour to get faith in *Jeſus Chriſt*, and it will keep you out of the deep pit.

Truſt in *Jeſus Chriſt*, and be mindful of his wayes, and he will be mindful of you.

He waketh, and *neither ſlumbereth, nor ſleepeth*; who would but follow his ſteps, and not Satans?

Lord, open thou our hearts and our eyes, that we run not headlong into that bottomleſs pit of hell and deſtruction.

Come, my Diſciple, and *take up thy croſs*, and walk, and thou ſhalt be ſaved.

Pray for fixed hearts and ſouls in *Jeſus Chriſt*, that they be not caſt into hell-fire; God give us fixed and zealous hearts for *Jeſus Chriſt*, and fixed for Heaven.

The Lord will not turn back from us, if we do not turn back from him, he will carry

us up to Heaven, where there is no change, but joy, and rejoycing for evermore.

Truſt in *Jeſus Chriſt*, and he vvill rebuke your ſpiritual enemy. Satan is the greateſt enemy to your ſouls; if he get them, he vvill caſt them into hell-fire.

Come, my people, into my Tabernacle, and I will embrace you with my arms, and there ſhall be cauſe of joy, and rejoycing with God and his holy Angels for ever.

Col. 3. 1. If you can but *riſe with Chriſt, and ſeek thoſe things that are above*, he will take you up into Heaven, and lock you up in his Cabinet; if you can but riſe with him, there will be cauſe of joy and rejoycing for ever with my God, and his holy Angels for ever.

If we can but riſe ſo high as Heaven, there will be cauſe of joy and comfort, and no cauſe of diſcomfort, if we be but raiſed ſo high as to ſeek thoſe things that are above, then we are happy.

Pſa. 149. 1 & 6. verſ. *Come, let us ſing a new Sang, let the praiſes of God be always in our mouthes*, and let them never depart out of our mouthes.

Come, and let us reioyce, and be glad with our heavenly Father, where there is cauſe of comfort, and no cauſe of diſcomfort.

Let us labour to draw nigh home, for we are not at home whileſt we are here; let us therefore hunger, and thirſt after better pla-

ces, we are but *as pilgrims and ſtrangers* here, but we muſt labour to wait with patience till our glaſs be run. Heb.11. 13,14,16.

We are but as Travellers that travel to and fro, let us labour to come to an abiding place where there is no change, then there is comfort, then we come to that place that our ſouls thirſt after.

What a gracious Father have we! let us be thankful unto him for our manifold mercies and bleſſings; what cauſe have we to give him praiſe for them? let us never be unmindful of giving him praiſe, and he wil never be unmindful of us. Pſal.103. 1,2.

What a Chriſt have we, that doth all things in wiſdome! Oh, what he hath done for us! we can never ſuffer ſo much for him as he hath for us, he ſuffered the death upon the croſs for us. Phil.2.8.

Good is thy Word, O God, and to be eſteemed of us; let us not be ignorant of it, let us have a token of thankfulneſs in our hearts, let us acknowledge it, that we may give God the glory of it again: teach us the way that we may acknowledge, and be thankful.

Come, my people, do not thirſt, but *come and drink of the waters of life freely, and you ſhall never thirſt again.* I ſuppoſe, ſhe meant, Iohn7.

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do not rest in your thirsting, but come and drink.)

Come, my people, follow me into that pleasant place of Heaven; and there you shall have joy everlastingly.

Ezek. 36. 26, 27. *Put thy Spirit into our hearts, and take away these stony hearts*, that we may become new Christians.

Come, my people, enter in at the gate. *Strait is the gate*, but I will lead you and open the gate of that comfortable place, the gate of Heaven.

Oh, trust in God, and labour to be true believers, and he will free you from sin and Satan that roaring lion, that seeks whom he may devour: put your trust in the Lord, and then you will have cause of joy and rejoying for ever.

Oh God, thou art merciful unto thy children; and the more we hunger and thirst after thee, the more merciful art thou; Lord, we thank thee for thy mercies that thou hast bestowed upon us.

God is gracious in all his ways and actions. Let us trust still in God: if we do but trust in God, we shall never faint: although I be in a suffering condition here, I shall be in a comfortable condition hereafter.

How sweet is Christ in his dealings and dis-

diſpenſations! he will not let Satan that cunning roaring Lion do me any hurt.

Oh, ground faith in our hearts, O Lord, upon thy Son *Jeſus Chriſt*: oh, ground our hearts aright upon him, and he will provide for us: and take us up into his Kingdome, where there is no cauſe of mourning, but all joy and comfort for ever.

We are but as pilgrims here, and ſtay a time till our glaſs be run, and then *Jeſus Chriſt* will be our protector and guider, where we ſhall rejoyce for ever.

I will keep your ſouls in my protection. I will rebuke Satan that roaring lion for your ſakes.

Note that oftentimes ſhe would have uttered words, but could not, and then her lips would move, ſo that I conceive ſome of her ſpeeches were ſpoken in relation to ſomething that ſhe had in her minde, and could not utter; and ſo in the laſt ſpeech which is ſet down: and this may help the Reader to underſtand ſome other of her Speeches.

May the 26th.

Seek the things which are above, where Chriſt ſits

sits at the right hand of God our Father; if we can but rise so high, there we should have cause of comfort, and none of discomfort, for ever and ever.

Happy shall we be when we are raised so high as to sit at the right hand of God our Father.

God my Father hath chained up Satan that roaring lion, that he cannot enter into my soul.

God doth sometimes suffer Satan to afflict us, that we may be drawn neerer to him.

God lets us lie in afflictions, that we may get good by them, and himself glory.

Let us praise God for all his mercies, and he will showre them down upon us the more.

The more we seek to give God glory for all his mercies, the more will God seek to poure down good upon us.

Though God do take away the comfort of this world, yet he will give us comfort in another world.

Gracious is God, and pittiful to poor souls, when they shall call to him for help, and saith, Lord, I am helpless of my self, my help is upon thee, and I trust in thee, then he gives him help, & comfort by faith in Jesus Christ. Who would but trust in such a God that gives

give us Christ that we may joy and rejoyce? Oh how good a God have we, that doth rebuke the Tempter, and will not let him have us, though he strive to catch us! he would make our going to Heaven uncomfortable, and pull away our souls, but God will not suffer him; for those that God hath chosen, they shall receive comfort.

How gracious is God in all his wayes, and worthy to be esteemed of; if we do not esteem of him, he will not esteem of us; he is *angry with his people, it is but for a while*; but with those that he is ever angry, he will say, *Go, ye cursed, into hell-fire*, and what a pittiful case is that? Isai. 54. 7, 8

God will stretch out his hand to a poor soul, and say, Come, poor soul, come, thou hast been long in affliction, but I will lay thee up in Heaven, there thou shalt be happy, and rejoyce for ever.

Our Father gives us his Son Jesus Christ, to save our souls, or we had been burning in hell-fire before this time, but our God is gracious to us.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Matth. 7. 19.

Lord, open our eyes, that we may see Jesus Christ coming into our souls with white robes; we cannot see him with our mortal eyes,

eyes, but, Lord, make us to see him with our spiritual eyes; this would be the joyfullest sight that ever we did see in all our lives.

What disobedient children are we that do not go when our Father comands us to go!

If you be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ himself sits at the right hand of God.

Let us have our eyes lift up to Heaven, that we may see Jesus Christ sitting at the right hand of God: and let us be thankful for all his mercies, for if we be unmindful of him, he will be unmindful of us.

Lord, our hearts are empty, fill them with thy Spirit, and take away the corruption that is within us.

Why are our hearts set upon the World? there is nothing but pride and corruption in the World, and we poor sinful creatures are subject to run head-long into the World. Lord, wean our hearts from the World.

Good Lord, give us grace, and the eye of Faith, that we may see Jesus Christ coming though a far off, and that we may come nigh, and stick close to him.

Lord, give us faith, that we may trust thee, and believe in thee, and make us true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ; for we have nothing of our selves, but corruption to trust on, and that will flie from us. How

How good God is, and merciful to all his children, in delivering them from all the temptations of their ſpiritual enemy, which daily ſeeketh to deſtroy them!

Oh, come, my people, into my Tabernace, and I will take you up into my throne, and there you ſhall rejoyce with me, and my Angels for ever and ever.

Labour for Jeſus Chriſt, and when you have obtained him, embrace him, and he will embrace you; cleave faſt to him, and he will cleave faſt to you.

Acknowledge Jeſus Chriſt, who is our Saviour; and when all things in the World fail, he will not fail, he will ſtick cloſe to you, and not forſake you.

Let us be thankful for all mercies, though they be but little ones; for when we are thankful for little ones, he will poure more upon us; and if we be not thankful for the leaſt mercy, he will poure down great curſes upon us.

Look into the actions of God; and the more you look into his works, the more power of God you ſhall finde in them; all that he doth, he doth it for the good of his poor Children, and thoſe that fear him.

May

May the 27th.

Lord, purge our bodies, and purifie our corrupt hearts, that thy Word may work a thorow work in us; cast back, cast back that tempting roaring lion, that goes about seeking whom he may devour.

What disobedient children are we, for that which God commandeth, we will not do, but that which he forbiddeth, that we do, and run on headlong to our own destruction.

If the Spirit of God once work in our hearts, then we shall be happy, and shall sound out the praise and glory of our God, for he is wonderfull in our eyes.

Psal. 51. 15. *Lord, open thou our mouth, and let our lips shew forth thy praise*; our God make speed to save us: ô teach us to know Jesus Christ, for how will that ravish our poor soules to know our Saviour! and then we shall draw nigher to heaven, and rejoyce with our Father.

Come, my people, come, enter into my Tabernacle, and I will have mercy upon you.

Help, help, Lord, for Christs sake, that I may obtain that happy place, for there is comfort without discomfort, and joy without sorrow.

May

May the 28th.

What diſobedient children are we for doing thoſe things which we ought not to do, and in leaving undone thoſe things, which we ought to have done.

Come, my people, enter into my Tabernacle, and *I will gather you under my wings as a hen gathereth her chickens*; and I will aſſure you of your ſalvation, and you ſhall rejoyce with my holy Angels for ever and ever.

Let us labour to get faith in Jeſus Chriſt, who will gather us from our enemies; when a poor ſoul thinks he is caſt down into hell, then Chriſt comes and raiſeth it up, then that ſoul will rejoyce with Chriſt, and he will keep it from falling into that deep pit, he will not let it fall again; who would but truſt in ſuch a God as this, that will give his children hearts to believe and fear him?

Labour to get Jeſus Chriſt, for we cannot get him without pains: if we mean to be one with him: O how ought we to take pains and labour to know and acknowledge Jeſus; we muſt ſtruggle and ſtrive for him, or elſe we can never obtain him.

May

May the 29th.

How good is our God, that takes pity upon a poor afflicted soul, for when a poor soul is going to hell, and seeth no help but in Jesus Christ, then it cries, Help, help, help, Lord, and then Jesus Christ delivereth that poor soul out of hell.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and seek for him: he is not gained easily, we must seek for him and take pains for him, or we shall never obtain him; unlesse we take pains we shall never finde him.

Lord, give us hearts that we may seek after Jesus Christ, and that we may relie upon him by faith, that we may be made true believers in thy Word.

Lord, open thou our mouths, that our lips may shew forth thy praise: Lord, pour out thy Spirit upon our souls, and it will make us draw nigher and nigher unto thee.

Many are they, Lord, that cannot obtain Jesus Christ, it is because they do not take
Joh. 6. 27. pains: but let us arise, and be doing; for without pains we can get nothing; we must take pains, and struggle for Jesus Christ, else we can never obtain him.

Lord, fill our hearts with Jesus Christ, for they are empty; fill them full of Jesus Christ, that we may be able to live by faith upon him; Lord, fill our hearts with the know-

ledge of Jesus Christ; for our hearts are empty, and with the righteousnesse of Jesus Christ; Lord, enrich our souls, that we may enrich the Kingdome of God.

Let us be thankfull to God for all his mercies and blessings which he is pleased to bestow upon us: for the more thankfull we are, the more will he poure down his mercies and blessings upon us. 1 Sam. 2. 30. Psal. 50. 23.

How gracious is our God, that doth all things in wisdome and mercy to his poor servants! he doth nothing to them, but that which is for their good, in mercy and in righteousnesse. O Lord, give us true faith in the righteousnesse of Jesus Christ, that we may relie upon him for our Salvation.

What a sweet thing it is to enjoy Jesus Christ! happy is that soul that doth enjoy such a gift from our Father.

If we should be thankfull all our dayes, we can never be thankful enough; for he suffered the death upon the crosse for our sins.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, and wash them away in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and then shall we be purified, and become pure Christians.

Let us give praise unto our God for all his mercies and blessings that he hath bestowed upon us; let us alwayes be praising our God, and be thankfull, and ever thankfull. 1 Thes. 5. 18.

May

May the 30th.

Lord, humble our hearts, and open our
Rom.1.22. 23. eyes, that we be not led away with Satan and run headlong to our destruction.

We have enemies too many to draw us
John 6.44. back from Jesus Christ, but there are very few that will draw us to Jesus Christ.

Lord, take our souls into thy protection
Psal.119. 117. and keeping, for when they are with thee, they are safe.

Psal.136. 2. *Let us sing praise to our God, for his mercy endureth for ever.*

2Cor.5.17 Lord, take away our unbelief, and fasten us to *Jesus Christ*, that we may become new Christians.

Lord, wash away all our sins in the blood of thy Son Jesus, and purifie our affections, that we may become pure Virgins in Jesus Christ.

Come, let us *drink of the water of life, and then we shall never thirst again.*

Oh how happy are they that can but obtain Jesus Christ: for if we be never so poor
Ephes.3.8. in this world, if we can but obtain Jesus Christ, we shall have riches enough, for then we shall be rich in glory,

May

May 31.

The Lord give us faith, for without faith we cannot get *Jeſus Chriſt*. Ephes. 2. 8.

The Lord give us knowledge, for without knowledge we cannot attain faith, and without faith we cannot attain to ſalvation. Rom. 10. 17. Ephes. 1. 18, 19.

If we can attain to the height of faith, we ſhall attain to the height of *Jeſus Chriſt*; and if we attain to the height of *Jeſus Chriſt*, we ſhall attain to the height of glory.

Lord, humble us under our burthen of ſin, *That when Chriſt who is our life ſhall appear, we may alſo appear with him in glory.* Matth. 23. 12.

Come, my people, *Call upon me in time of trouble, and I will heare you and anſwer you.* Pſal. 50. 15.

Oh, waſh us, and cleanſe us, that neither ſpot, nor ſtain be upon us; waſh us clean in the bloud of *Chriſt*, that we may become new Virgins, pure Virgins. 1 John 1. 7 Ephes. 5. 27.

Let us bleſs God, and be thankful for all thoſe mercies that he is pleaſed to poure down upon us; let us be thankful, yea very thankful; for the more we thank him, the more will he poure down his mercies upon us. 2 Chron. 20. 22, 23, 24.

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Lord, pardon, and forgive us all our ſins, and give us hearts earneſtly to beg pardon for them; if thou hadſt not been a merciful Father, we had all been burning in hell-fire, we had all been burning, and howling in hell-fire before this, but thou haſt given thy Son *Jeſus Chriſt* to die for our ſins: for his ſake we beg pardon for them.

Lord, give us thankful hearts, we have cauſe to be thankful, if we had a thouſand hearts, we could never be thankful enough to thee for all thy mercies, that thou haſt beſtowed, and ſhowred down upon us.

Lord, give us thy Word, and ground it in our hearts; Lord, give us thy Spirit into our hearts, for without thy Spirit the Word is but a dead letter.

Jer. 31. 33. *I will be your God, and ye ſhall be my people.*

Titus 1 1. Col. 2 2. *Lord*, give us faith in *Jeſus Chriſt*, for without faith in him we can never acknowledge *Jeſus Chriſt*, to be our alone Saviour and Redeemer.

She ſpake not again until June *the fourth.*

Oh, my God, I give unto thee my ſoule,

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my body, and my heart, and all; hoping that I now am going unto that happy place, which I have desired so long.

June the 5th.

If a poor man which hath not a bit of bread, nor a broom to sweep his house with-all; yet if he have but *Christ*, he is richer then that man which hath all the riches of this World. Ephes. 3. 8. Col. 2. 3.

Who would but trust in such a God, that will save and defend us from all evil?

Who would but trust in such a *Christ*, that will defend us from Satan, and all our enemies both bodily and spirituall? Who would but trust in such a *Christ*, that will preserve us as he did *Jonah* three dayes and three nights in the Whales belly? Luke 1. 74. Jonah 1. 17.

Lord, humble; humble our stony hearts, that they be not puft up with pride and vanity.

How often would I have gathered you together as a Hen gathereth her Chickens under her wings, and ye would not, but were stubborn and rebellious. Matth. 23. 37.

June the 6th.

Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I

have gathered you together, as a Hen gathereth her Chickens, and you would not.

Let not your hearts be drawn after the vanities of this world, nor after the steps of Satan, which goeth lurking, lurking, watching and waiting like a Serpent; but follow Christs steps, for if Satan get you, he will fling you into hell-fire.

Matth. 7. 13, 14. Long is the way to heaven, and much ado we have to get thither: but short is the way that leadeth to hell.

What disobedient children are we, that will not follow Gods commands? that which is evil he forbids us, and that we do; and that which is good he commands us, and that we we do not.

Lord, wean our hearts from this world: let us not be led by sin, nor Satan: let not Satan get any power over our souls: if he get power over our souls, he will cast them into the bottom of hell for ever and ever.

Phil. 3. 8. This world is nothing but fading comforts; nothing but *dross, losse and dung in comparison of Christ.*

Mar. 8. 36. What are we better when we are in our pomp in this world, when we do nothing but pine in our souls, and our souls to be cast into hell, where there will be howling for ever and ever?

Lord,

Lord, pardon our proud worldly hearts, for we are alwayes hungring after this sinful world; where there is nothing but that which will lead us into hell. Matth. 6. 19.

Oh, let us not hunger after this world, but hunger after Christ. Verse 33.

O, what a loving Father have we, that when a poor soul is thrown down as low as hell, and is in great afflictions, then he sends *Jesus Christ*, and takes pitty of that poor soul, and lifts it up to heaven! John 6 44. Joh. 12, 32

Christ will look upon a poor soul with the eyes of compassion, then that poor soul is happy, and he will carry it to heaven, where it shall rejoyce with God & his holy Angels.

Tet us hunger for *Jesus Christ*, and when we have him, let us hold him fast; and let us stick close to him, and he wil stick close to us; he will be our keeper, and Saviour both of bodies and souls.

Good is thy Word, and to be esteemed; drive it into our hearts, and not onely into our heads, but into our hearts, that it may work a thorow work in us. 1 Thess. 2. 13.

Come, let us flie up to heaven as a bird in the air; if we could get up as high as heaven, we should be happy. Isai. 40. 31

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy. Psal. 16. 11

Come, let us sing praises unto our God with mirth Psal. 95. 1

Matth.16. 27. *mirth and joy*; for we shall sing with our Father, and his holy Angels for ever, and ever.

Rom.16. 20. *Lord*, vanquish Satan that roaring lion, *and tread him under foot*, that he may not overcome our souls by his evil wayes, watching every opportunity.

June the 7th.

This night came one of those commonly called Quakers, and all that came to her did judge that then she knew none, neither could she heare or did ever minde what was said to her or in her company; and this man and her Uncle Capt. *Hatfield* being in discourse, she uttered the words following at that time (which are very observeable,) *viz.*

Matth.13. 25. Take heed, take heed that you sowe not Tares, lest you reap Tares; *Every Tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewen down and*

Gal.6.7,8. Matth 7. 19. *cast into the fire.*

Lord, give us faith in Christ, for without faith and knowledge we cannot come unto Christ.

Come; let us flie unto the Throne of grace as a bird doth into the aire.

Heb.4.16. Lord, give us zealous hearts for Jesus Christ, for there is help in him, but there is no help upon the earth.

Lord,

Lord, reſiſt Satan *that roaring Lion, that goes about ſeeking whom he may devoure:* let us cleave to Jeſus Chriſt, when Satan draws neere; and he will deliver us from that roaring lion.

June the 8th.

Lord, quicken our dead and ignorant hearts, which are ſtubborn and rebellious, (but before we be quickened we muſt lie at the feet of Jeſus Chriſt,) for without we be quickened, we are like an ignorant man that travels up and down and knows not whither. John 5.40. Joh.12.35.

Lord, humble theſe proud hearts of ours, and take that burthen from us, for Chriſt ſaith, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavie laden, and I will give you reſt.* Matth.11. 28.

If we be dead-hearted, we muſt lie down at the feet of Jeſus Chriſt, till he be pleaſed to quicken us. Joh.10.10.

Take heed of deſpiſing God and his Ordinances, for if we deſpiſe them, God will deſpiſe us. Luke 10. 16.

Set your affections on things above, and not on things below, for your life is hid with Chriſt in God. Col.3.1.

Labour for Jeſus Chriſt, and he will caſt out that ſpirituall enemy that would caſt you out.

Truſt

Truſt in Jeſus Chriſt, for he is a truſty God to truſt in.

Let us put on the whole Armour of God.

Ephes.6. 11.
1 Pet.2. ult.

O, let us labour for Jeſus Chriſt, and he will be our *Shepherd*, and we ſhall be his *Sheep*, he will lock us up in his cabinet, and keepe us from ſin and Satan.

Mar.9.24.
2 Tim.2.1.

Lord, ſtrengthen our unbelieving hearts.

Let us labour to be ſtrong in faith, and we ſhall be ſtrong in Jeſus Chriſt.

2 Cor.6. 10.
Revel.2.9.

Let us labour to be rich in Jeſus Chriſt, though we be poor in the world.

I have obtained Jeſus Chriſt.

1 Pet.2.7.
Matth.13. 46.
John 5.39. 46,47.

When you have obtained Jeſus Chriſt, you have obtained a jewell of all jewels.

Let us be partakers of the Word of God, and we ſhall be partakers of Jeſus Chriſt: if we do not know the Word of God, nor be partakers of it, we ſhall never know Jeſus Chriſt.

2 Cor.4.16 17.

When we are but weak in body, and are true Chriſtians, we ſhall be ſtrong in Jeſus Chriſt.

If we be weak in body, our body loſeth by it, but our ſouls gain by it.

Luke 11. 22.

Let us labour to get true poſſeſſion of Jeſus Chriſt, and then Satan that roaring lion can get no poſſeſſion of us.

John 4.14.

Lord, give us the life of grace, to ſpring up

up in our hearts, that we may be drawn to thee.

June the 9th.

Lord, give us the light of heaven, that vve may be holy as thou art holy. Joh.17.17. 1 Pet.1.16

If once grace be but kindled in our hearts, then happy ſhall vve be and bleſſed.

Let us truſt in Jeſus Chriſt, and he vvill conquer our ſpirituall enemy, and purifie our double hearts. 1 Pet.5.9. Acts 15.9.

Let us be thankfull and ever thankfull for all his mercies, leſt he turn his *bleſſings* into *curſes*, and poure dovvn his vvrath upon us. Mal.2.2.

Lord, give us true repenting hearts for our ſins, leſt vve run headlong to hell for vvant of repentance. Jer.31.18. Luke 13.3

Come, my Diſciples, *take up your croſs and follow me*, and I vvill be your God: *joy, joy, joy.* Revel.21.7

Learn the leſſon of faith, or you ſhall never knovv Chriſt; but, Lord, let us learn this leſſon of faith, that vve thy unvvorthy ſervants may be delivered both from our bodily, and ſpiritual enemies. Heb.11.27 Epheſ.6. 16.

We are poor dry creatures; but, Lord, breath thy Spirit into us, that vve may be Saints in Heaven. Ezek.17. 4,5.

Good

James 2.5. Good Lord, enrich our souls that we may enrich the Kingdome of Heaven.

Psal. 24.3 4, with 15. Come, my people, enter into my Tabernacle, and you shall rest in joyes for ever.

Prov. 2.3, 4,5. We must labour to have hearts for Jesus Christ, or we shall never attain to him: we must labour for him; he is not easily gained but we must take pains, and seek him.

Ephes. 4. 23. Rom. 13. 14. Cantic. 3.4 Let us put off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of righteousnes.

Let us struggle for Jesus Christ, and labour for him, lay hold of him, and when we have obtained him, let him not slip from us.

Let us give God the glory of all things, and he will poure down all things upon us, that are good for us.

Luke 11.1 Lord, pardon our sins, and give us hearts to beg pardon of thee for them.

1 Thes. 5. 18. Lord, give us thankful hearts to acknowledge thy goodnes, and to be thankful for every little mercy.

1 Cor. 15. 52. with 58 Lord, fit and prepare our unprepared hearts, that we may be prepared at the sound of the trumpet.

Revel. 19. 7, 8, 9. Let us labour to be married to Jesus Christ, and that is better then all the marriages in the world; it is an everlasting marriage; he is the richest above all: he is an everlasting

Psal. 73. 26.

asting portion; he that feeds bodies with natural food, will also feed the souls of all those that believe and put their trust in him with spiritual food. John 6.35.

June the 10th.

Knock at the gates of righteousnes, and Christ will open the door of faith. 2 Pet.1.1.

Trust in Jesus Christ, and he will comfort you with that word (Come, poor souls.) Psal.27.14

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to fight against the Devil and Hell. Ephes.6. 11.

Lord, fill our hearts with the fulnes of Jesus Christ, that no corruption remain in. John 1.16.

Lord, satisfie our hearts, for without thee we cannot be satisfied. Psal.4.6,7

Lord, give us faith in Jesus Christ, that we may rest believing in him, for our hearts are full of unbelief. Phil. 1.29. Ephes.2.8.

Lord, take our hearts off from this worldly trash, for this world is nothing else but trash. Lord, humble these proud hearts, that we may cleave, and stick more close to Jesus Christ. 1 John 2. 15. John 5.44.

Lord, take these base and ignorant hearts of ours, cleanse and purge them. Psal.79.9. Psal.51.7.

Let

Pſal.78.7. Deut.32. 18. Iſai.9.6.

Let us not be forgetful of Gods mercies leſt he be forgetful of God.

O how good my God is, that hath given me *Jeſus Chriſt!* Lord, fill me full of *Jeſus Chriſt*, that I may dwell with him.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our ſins and waſh them away in the bloud of *Jeſus Chriſt*.

Lord, purifie our hearts, as the honey is purified from the droſs.

Lord, give us faith to believe in *Jeſus Chriſt*, for without faith we can never attain to *Jeſus Chriſt*.

Matth.23. 12. Deut.32. 18.with 19 Pſal.78.42 with 59. Pſal.124.7

Let us lie at the feet of *Jeſus Chriſt*, that we may be raiſed to the height of glory.

Let us be thankful for every good mercy; for if we be not thankful, God will hide his face from us.

Lord, keep back that roaring lion, *and tread him under foot*, he did *lay his ſnare for me, but thou haſt broken it, and I am eſcaped; as the bird from the fowler.*

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will hear you, and deliver you from all dangers in this world, and that which is to come.

Rom.3.26. Heb.10.22 Epheſ.3. 17,18,19.

Let us labour to attain to the height of righteouſneſs, that we may attain to the height of faith; for if we do not attain to the height of righteouſneſs, we can never attain

attain to the height of faith; and if we do not attain to the height of faith, we ſhall never attain to the height of *Ieſus Chriſt*.

Truſt in *Ieſus Chriſt*, and he will conquer that enemy that would conquer your poore ſouls; but God hath conquered him in me.

Come, poore people, let us rejoyce together.

Come, let us ſing a new ſong, for all his mercies that he is pleaſed to beſtow upon us.

How great is the mercy of God to us, in keeping of us from ſinking down into that bottomleſs pit! Lam.3.22.

Let us take heed of diſpleaſing God, leſt God diſpleaſe us, and be angry with us. 1Sam.2.30 *ult.*

June the 11th.

Call upon me in time of trouble, and I will hear and deliver you.

So then all they that put their truſt in God, and call upon him, ſhall be happy and bleſt. Pſal.2.13. meeter.

Caſt dovvn that roaring lion that goeth about to conquer my poor ſoul: if I do but put my truſt in Jeſus Chriſt, he will conquer him.

Lord, give us righteouſneſſe; for without righteouſneſſe we cannot get faith, and 2 Pet.1.1.

with-

without faith we cannot get Christ.

Acts 5.3. Heb.10. 22. Lord, give us true repenting hearts for all our sins, for without true repenting hearts we can never get assurance of our salvation.

Neh.8.10. Lord, ravish our hearts with the joy of Heaven, that we may labour and take pains for Jesus Christ, for without pains he will never be found.

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy.

Luke 1.46, 47, with 48. Lord, humble our self-willed hearts, that we may be thankfull for all thy mercies which thou hast been pleased to bestow upon us.

Thou hast been a loving, and a mercifull Father, but we hav been stubborn and rebellious children: if thou hadst not been a gracious Father, we had all been burning in hell-fire before this.

Hose 10. 12. Come, let us sowe the seed of faith, that we may reap gladnesse.

When we are in affliction, we must cry to Jesus Christ for help, and he will help us.

June the 12th.

Let us trust in *Jesus Christ*, and labour for faith; struggle and strive for it, then our Father will give us his dear Son *Jesus Christ*.

We

We can never do ſo much for *Jeſus Chriſt* as he hath done for us; he hath laid down his life to ſave us. Luke 17. 10. John 15. 13.

Joy, joy, joy, everlaſting joy.

Gods World and this world are not both alike; thoſe that are of this world, they love the world; and ſuch, if they do not ſuffer in this world, they muſt ſuffer in another world hell-torments in brimſtone and fire for ever and ever. James 4.4.

We pray thee, good God, look upon thy poor unworthy people, and deliver us from all dangers.

Lord, quicken us in thy Son *Jeſus Chriſt*, till we come to that joyfull place where there is no change. 1 Cor. 15. 45.

Lord, fill our hearts with the fulneſſe of *Jeſus Chriſt*, that we may dwell with thee and thy holy Angels for ever.

Lord, keep our hearts cloſe unto thee, and pull us forth of the ſnare of Satan that roaring lion, and make us to eſcape, as the bird eſcapes out of the net of the fowler.

What a good God and mercifull Father have we! if he had not been mercifull to us, we had been all burning in hell before this.

Lord, ripen us; for the ſooner we are ripe, the ſooner ſhall we have aſſurance of *Jeſus Chriſt*.

Lord,

Col.3.11. Lord, satisfie our unsatisfied hearts; if we had all this world, we should never be satisfied, but if we had Jesus Christ we should be satisfied.

Isai.26.19. Rom.8.2. We are here like poor captives without grace in our hearts.

Without thy Spirit, Lord, we are but as drie creatures, *drie bones*, moscer'd away, without thou *breath the spirit of life into us.*

Mal.3.3. Lord, purge our unclean hearts, that we may be purified in Jesus Christ.

Good Lord, look down upon thy unworthy servants, and give us thankfull hearts for all those mercies that thou hast bestowed upon us, lest all our mercies be turned into curses.

June the 13th.

Isai.66.11 Come, let us suck sweetnesse from Jesus Christ, as the Bee sucks sweetnesse out of the flower:

Come, let us call upon the Lord in time of trouble, and what afflictions soever we are in he will hear us, and deliver us.

Lam.3.40. Jer.17.9. Psal.139. 23,24. Come let us search these false hearts of ours: there is deceit in every corner of them, but we must desire of God to help us to search them, lest our searching prove all in vain.

Let

Let us labour to get the truth of Ieſus Chriſt; if we can but get the truth of Ieſus Chriſt, it will raviſh our hearts; firſt, he prepares our hearts for the work of faith, then he works faith in them. Ephes. 4. 21.

Thoſe that God hath choſen he will pluck out the blinde eye, that they be not led away by ſin and Satan, and he will give them a light eye. Iſai. 29, 18 Matth. 6. 22.

Lord, fill our hearts with the fulneſſe of Ieſus Chriſt: that we do not ſink into the bottomleſſe pit.

Come and knock at the gate of righteouſneſſe, and wait till Jeſus Chriſt come and open the gates.

Lord, pull back that roaring lion, that ſerpent that goeth about, ſeeking to devour our poor ſouls. God will but ſuffer him to ſtep in, that we may ſtick cloſer to Jeſus Chriſt.

Lord, rebuke that roaring lion, and chain him up, that he may have no power over our poor ſouls. Zach. 3. 2.

Lord, prepare our unprepared hearts gainſt thou call: cified

Oh God, prepare our hearts, uſt 11th, may come before thee with thanks for every mercy that thou haſt bought on us. ven me Jeſus my ſoul.

Heb.11.6. Lord, give us faith, for without faith we cannot come to thee.

June the 14 th.

Good Lord, enrich our poor souls, that we may enrich the Kingdome of Heaven.

Psal.143. 11. Matth.25. 33,&c. 1 Thes.4. 17. We have but drie and ignorant hearts, Lord, quicken them, that we may sit at the right hand of God with Jesus Christ, rejoycing with him for ever?

June the 15th:

Acts 2.37. Good Lord, what shall we do to inherit the Kingdome of Heaven?

June the 18th.

Job 14 14. 1 Cor.15. 51,52,53. Psal.116. The Lord be with you, for I am going to change, and after shall never change.

I pray you, pray that my soul may be precious in the sight of God.

God is going now to finish his work.

My God hath laid up treasures for me in he[illegible]n.

Lam.3.40. Jer.17.9. Psal.139. 23,24. Com[illegible] ours: the[illegible] but we m[illegible] search them vain.

June the 19th.

I see the fine sights of Heaven, [illegible]braces me in his armes, and [illegible]he light of Heaven.

Then

Then she spake no more till June 21th.

The Lord of Heaven be with you all; though we part here, I hope we must meet in Heayen; my Christ is shewing me the way to Heaven.

Pray, pray, pray for some help from God, and pray that your prayers may be accepted of God.

These valedictory expressions of hers, I conceive, might arise from that change, which now should be in the manner of her disease; for now she had no more the liberty of speech given to her untill the 29th. day of *July*, and then

July the 29th.

About eight of the clock at night (as that was the ordinary time that she began at, and so continued some two hours with intervals to speak) she being in a stiffe fit spake these words with a smiling countenance.

My Christ is come again. I have obtained Christ.

I have my desire, I have now a crucified Christ.

Then she spake not again untill Auguſt 11th, *about* 10 *of the clock at night.*

Now my Father hath given me Jesus Christ again (I hope) to save my soul.

Now I have obteined Christ again, a crucified Christ.

Let us put off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of righteousnesse.

Auguſt the 15, about 7 of the clock, ſhe lying in the ſame poſture, ſpake as followeth.

My Saviour is come again, that ſuffered death upon the Croſſe to ſave my ſoul.

I was in darkneſſe, but now I am in light.

My Chriſt hath vanquiſhed Satan that goeth about to deſtroy my ſoul.

Then ſhe ſpake not again until Auguſt *the 17.*

When ſhe had the extreameſt convulſion fit that ever; ſhe was drawn with her face turned behinde her, and one eye looking up and the other ſhut, and in that fit ſhe ſpake as followeth.

I will be with my God, and my God will be with me. 2 Chron. 15.2.

I hope my ſoul is precious in the ſight of my God. John 8.48. John 10. 28,29.

I am not in the hands of the Devil, but in the hands of my God.

Which words much refreſhed the ſpirits of her friends, who ſtood weeping by her to ſee her ſo ſadly handled: then ſhe proceeded.

My

My Gods *Angels have pitched their Tents about me,* and will *carry my ſoul into heaven.* Pſal.34.7.

I will never forſake my God, and my God will never forſake me. 2 Chron. 15.2.

Take heed of ſlighting Gods mercies; for if we ſlight his mercies, he will ſlight us; if we ſlight his mercies, he will pour his wrath upon us. Heb.13.5. Pſal.28.4, 5. Iſai.5.12, 13.

Auguſt 20.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will relieve you.

Aſk, and ye ſhall have; knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you.

Ask, and you ſhall have life everlaſting.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to ſtand againſt the Devil, and all his Angels.

Let us wait upon the Lord untill his time appointed, and he will eaſe us; for our time is of the Lord: we cannot have it when we would, but when the Lord pleaſeth. Pſal.27.14 Pſal.31.15.

Auguſt 23 *at* 8 *a clock at night.*

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will hear and deliver thee, and thou ſhalt glorifie me.

Lord, humble our haughty and proud hearts, that they be not led away with this

world, for we are apt to follow the steps of Satan, rather then the steps of God.

Isai.40.3. First, he prepareth our hearts that they may be capable of faith, and then he worketh faith in them.

Psal.51.7. Lord, purge our rusty hearts, that they may be clean, that we may become pure Virgins of thine; for if thou do not purge them, they will be like rusty iron that lieth long.

My Christ *will tread Satan under foot, which goeth about like a roaring lion,* hunting to destroy my poor soul, but he can go no further then my God giveth him leave, he hath a malice unto my poor soul.

Luke 11. 21. Those that belong to God Satan is alwayes in perplexing and troubling them, but God doth but let him step in to make them stick closer unto God: if Satan get but one step in, and get in his head, he will strive to get in his whole body; the least opportunity he can get, he will seek it, and will not lose it.

1 John 1.6. Phil. 3.9. to 12. Let us cast off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of righteousnesse, and then we shall obtain Jesus Christ.

Let us suck sweetnesse from Jesus Christ, even as the Bee sucketh honey from the flower.

Auguſt the 30th.

Let us draw comfort from Jeſus Chriſt, as the childe milk from the mothers breſt; the harder we draw, the more we ſhall get.

Take heed you ſlight not Gods mercies; for if you ſlight his mercies, it is juſt with God to ſlight you.

Auguſt 31. *at* 10 *a clock in the morning.*

Lord, caſt out our *ſtony hearts,* and make them *new,* that we may be new creatures. Ezek. 36. 26.

Lord, purge the droſſe out of our hearts, and purifie them.

Let us ſtand at the gate of righteouſneſſe, and wait untill Jeſus Chriſt ſee time to open the door of faith.

Lord, rebuke that crooked Serpent, that would deſtroy my poor ſoul, but my Father will not ſuffer him; he hath a malice to my poor ſoul, but God will but let him ſtep in, and get a look in, butit is to make me ſtick cloſer to Jeſus Chriſt.

Let us fear the Lord, that we may live in hisfear, and die in his favour.

Let us take heed that we ſlight not Gods mercies, leſt he turn his back off us; if we Pſal. 78. 60.

Jer. 5. 24, 25. do not fear him and ſerve him, he vvill fi
avvay from us, and then vvhen vve com
Iſai. 1. 12, to 15. unto him again, vvhen he calleth us not, h
vvill ſay unto us, *Goye curſed into hell-fire f*
ever; and vvil not accept of us, but caſt us of

September the 1.

Iſai. 29. 24. & 32. 4. Many there be that cannot attain to th
height of Gods Word, but if they labou
for it, he will give it them.

2 Cor. 3. 6. The Word of God is but a dead letter
without his Spirit be with it.

September 2. *at* 4 *a clock in the afternoon.*

The ſnare is broken, and I am eſcaped, even
as a bird from the foul-catcher.

Iſa. 27. 8, 9 God will not make the Cup ſo bitter, but
he will mix it with comfort, he will mix it
with ſugar, he will mix it with comfort as
well as with diſcomfort.

September 3.

Deut. 32. 29. 1 Cor. 15. 17, 19. with 58. Prepare againſt the Grave open, and the
Trumpet ſound, that we may be in hopes to
obtein a joyfull reſurrection.

September

September the 4th.

Let us labour to believe in God, and truſt in him; for he afflicts us to make us ſtick cloſer unto him: he whips us with one rod; if that will not do, he takes a ſecond; and if that will not do, he takes a third; and if that will not do, he takes the fourth, that he might bring our hearts home to him, and that we might ſay, *It is good for us that we have been afflicted.* Micah 6.9. Heb.12.10 11. Job 5.19. Pſal.119. 71.

Prepare, prepare againſt the mouth of the Grave open, and the Trumpet ſound, that we may be in hopes to obtein a joyfull reſurrection.

September the 5. at 2 a clock in the afternoon.

Let us labour for faith; the greateſt faith, the greateſt joy.

Let us labour to believe in *Jeſus Chriſt*; no faith, no *Chriſt*; no faith, no *Chriſt*. Rom.15. 13.

Let us labour to truſt in *Jeſus Chriſt*; all things are fading and tranſitory in reſpect of *Chriſt*. *All things are but droſs and dung in compariſon of Chriſt. Set your affections on things above, and not on things of the earth: for we are dead, and our lives are hid with Chriſt in God.* Epheſ.3. 17. Iſai.26.4. Phil.3.8. Col.3.2,3.

Let

Heb.13.8. Let us labour to truſt in Jeſus Chriſt, if all things in the world fail, he will never fail.

1 Pet.5.10 Lord, eſtabliſh, eſtabliſh our hearts upon thee, and let us pray for faith and grace, and all other good things, and make us thankfull to thee for ever and ever.

Matth.7. 24. Lord, give us faith to build upon thee.

Lord, give us faith to build upon thee, for without faith we can do nothing: no faith, no Chriſt; no Chriſt, no Salvation.

Heb.4.16. Dan.12.3. Let us flie, let us flie unto the throne of Grace, as the bird doth into the air, hoping that we ſhall ſhine before the face of the Lord as a ſtar in the firmament.

Revel.12. 10. Luke 10. 18. *Lord, caſt down Satan that Serpent, and tread him under foot, that ſeeks to devour* my ſoul, but he cannot; he hath a malice to my poor ſoul, but chain him up Lord; for he is always

Luke 11. 21. troubling and perplexing the Servants of God, but thoſe that he hath overcome, he lets them alone, untill he caſt them into hell, where they ſhall lie howling for ever and ever, where there is no end.

Zach.12. 10. Lord, eſtabliſh our hearts upon thee, and give us grace to pray for faith, and all other good gifts, and make us truly thankfull to thee as a Chriſtian ought to be.

Sep-

September 6. at 4 a clock in the afternoon.

Lord, purge our hearts that are ſtubborn
d rebellious againſt thee.
Lord, purifie our hearts, as the honey from
e droſſe.

Again, the ſame day at 6 a clock.

My Chriſt is come again, and he will ne-
r forſake me: I will ſtick cloſe to him, and
e will never flie back from me.
Let us ſtick cloſe unto the Lord, and truſt Luke 1.74
him, and he will ſave us from all dangers
this world; for with him in the World to
ome there is no danger. 1 Theſ. 1. 10.

September the 7th.

Lord, grant that as we grow in dayes and
ears, we may grow in grace and holineſs. 2 Pet. 3. 18

September the 8th.

This day a Phyſician came to viſit her,
being ſent for by her parents; they deſiring
to uſe what means could be procured for
her: and it pleaſed God (whileſt the Phyſi-
cian was there with her) toſhut upher mouth,
her

her teeth being set in her head, so as the could not open them; her upper teeth wer drawn somewhat over her nether teeth; an so they continued (save onely that the wor ings of the Convulsions opened them som times, & drew her tongue out of her mouth I say, so they continued) until the seventh *December* following; all which time she live with the least quantity of food that could be for they put milk into her lips, and how an should go into her stomack we know not except some of it passed at each side of he mouth, where one tooth was wanting, an yet in this time she grew very fat, and he flesh very firm and solid, and she did look very fair and fresh.

Whereas you might rather apprehend that she was a lean, dried, and withered Anatomy.; and yet we conceiv'd, she did take down something; though before the setting of her teeth, we could not perceive that she took any thing down, but spurted it out presently; onely by the effects, we gathered that she did receive some nourishment, because she had the benefit of nature; but her stools were such, as all that behold them admire: they are round, of the quantity of a Nutmeg, very hard, and like a piece of earth rolled in lime, and they have no smell.

Yet

Yet in this condition when her teeth were thus set, she spake in her stiff fits for several dayes, as followeth.

September the 8th.

When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we appear with him in glory.

Let us labour for Christ: if a poor man have but Christ, and have nothing else, he is richer then the richest man in the world. Heb.11.26

Christ hath pulled back Satan that roaring lurking lion, that would destroy my poor soul; but my Christ is stronger then he, and will not let him.

Let us strive for Christ: happy, happy, happy, happy are they that have Christ.

Lord, help us to build up a new building of thy grace; build them upon our hearts, and establish our hearts upon thee. 2 Pet.2.5. Heb.13.9.

She intermitted speaking till September 20. *and then she said*

Lord, lay a new ground-work in our hearts of faith, and make it stedfast; if thou graft it, it will take root. Col.2.7.

My God hath vanquished Satan that hath such a malice to my poor soul, he would get in,

1 Pet. 5. 8, 9. with 1 John 5. 4. & Ephes. 6 12. Psal. 131. 2 Psal. 17. 14 Psal. 73. 26

in, he cannot, he cannot, my God doth but suffer him to step in to make me stick close unto him, and deter me from this devilish wicked world.

Lord, wean our hearts from the trash of this world, and give us Christ to be our portion, and he will be an everlasting portion.

Deut. 32. 4

Lord, Lord, work a new ground-work in our hearts: for if thou work it, it will stand and if thou work it not, it will fall to the ground.

September the 22th.

Her lips did move long before she could utter any words, at last she expresst herself, as followeth.

Heb. 12. 25

Take heed you do not despise Gods Ordinances, and his Word, which he spake out of his own mouth; for if you despise Gods Ordinances, and his Word, God will despise you, and cast you of his left hand, and say, Go you cursed into hell-fire, prepared for you.

Ephes. 5. 1

Let us labour to be followers of Jesus Christ, and defie the fiery darts of the Devill.

Let us labour to build our conversation upon the Lord,

Take

Take heed of the Devill, for he is alwayes perplexing and terrifying the ſervants of God: but take heed, for it is more dangerous when he commeth in white, then when he commeth in black; for he will but flatter you, and make you believe that he will ſave you, & ſhevv you fine things; but take heed, he vvill but flatter you, and deceive you, that he may caſt you into hell. 2 Cor. 11. 13, 14.

September the 23th.

This night and the other nights followving till the 19 of *October*, ſhe ſpake conſtantly about 8 a clock at night.

Lord build up our hearts upon the High corner-ſtones, vvhich high-corner ſtones are the Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt.

Lord, pardon all our ſins; vvhether they be Scarlet-ſins, or Crimſon-ſins; or ſins of a double die, or ſins of ignorance, or ſins of vvilfulneſſe; Lord, pardon them, and vvaſh them avvay in the blood of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Revel. 1. 5.

It is our ſins that is the cauſe of the ſufferings of that thy Beloved One, thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Iſai. 53. 5.

No man can come to Chriſt, except the Father draw him. John 6. 44.

Let

Phil.3.20. with v.14. Let us ſtruggle and ſtrive to have our converſation in Heaven, and let us preſs forward to have our converſation there; for without we have our converſation in heaven, there will be howling and torment in hell-fire for ever and ever; but in Heaven there will be life everlaſting.

Heb.9.27. Matth.25.46. Prepare, prepare againſt the day of death; for when the day of death commeth, then after commeth the day of Judgement, and then cometh death to the wicked, and life to the righteous.

Take heed that Satan that roaring lion do not reign in your hearts; for it is more dangerous when he cometh in white like an Angel of light, then when he cometh in black like a Blackmoore.

2 Cor.11.14.

Lord, purge and purifie our droſſy, ignorant and corrupt hearts, that we may be followers of thee; and waſh us, and cleanſe us in the blood of thy beloved One, thy Son *Chriſt Jeſus.*

1 Pet.5.8, 9. Take heed that Satan get not power over your ſouls; for if he get in his head, he will ſtrive to get in his whole body.

Then ſhe laughed, and cloſed her Arms, and ſaid,

Joy, joy, joy, everlaſting joy.

Septem-

September the 24th.

Lord, take away these stony, thorny, and corruptible hearts, and purge them, purifie, and refine them, even as silver and gold is refined. Zach.13.9.

Let the Word of God be written in your hearts in letters of gold.

Take heed you sowe not good seed on thorny ground, for the thornes will spring up and choke it. Jer.4.3. Luke 8.7.

My Christ will tread Satan under foot, he hath promised to do it, and he will fulfill his promise, he will do it, he will not fail, he is to be trusted. Rom.16. 20.

One glimpse of Christ is worth all the world.

Lord, pull back Satan, *that roaring lion, that goeth about to devour* my poor soul, but he cannot, but he cannot touch it. 1 John 5. 18.

Lord, establish our hearts upon thee, and set them stedfast upon thee, and fix them upon thee, and change our hearts, and make them new vessels. 1 Pet.5.10

Lord, wash us, and cleanse us in the blood of thy beloved One, and make us without spot and blemish, even as thy spotlesse lamb. Ephes.5. 27. 1 Pet.1.19.

My Christ hath vanquished Satan that

lurking, roaring lion which goeth about to
Psal.46.1. destroy my poor soul, but he cannot enter in, my Christ is stronger then he, he is an help to my soul in the time of trouble, in the time of extremity.

When a poor soul is going a journey to heaven, then Satan is alwayes in troubling him; for he thinketh, if he cannot get power then, he can never get power; then he is busiest, he sheweth his strength, he putteth out all his strength.

2 Tim.2. 22. 2 Pet. 2.11 Abstain, abstain from all vices in this world that are so strong in us, as drunkennesse, lasciviousnesse, blasphemy, and drawing into evill company, and all other vices, lying and thieving; for if we anger God, it will be just with God to pour his wrath down upon us.

September 25.

Matth.23. 37. *Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem! how often would I have gathered thee together, as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings? but thou wouldst not. Thy destruction is of thy self.*

Hos.13.9. Rom.12.2. Let us wean our hearts from this world; for if it once get into us, it is hard to get out again; we toil and moil for our bodies, but which of us taketh that pains for our souls? we are sooner fill'd with the trash of this

Psal.4.5. world,

world, then with our God; we are apt to seek into this world, but which of us looks into our hearts, and examines our hearts, whether they be for God or not; and whether we follow the commands of God? if we do not follow his commands, he will not hear us. The heart of man is false and hollow; a hollow-hearted man will shine on the out-side, but he is rotten within, he sheweth it so to this world, but God knoweth the heart of man.

Matth. 6. 19.

Prov. 28. 9. Matth. 23. 25, 27, 28.

1 Kings 8. 39.

Seeing we have put off the old man with his deeds, let us put on the new man, which is renewed with knowledge.

Col 3 9, 10.

Take heed you *put not new wine into old bottles, lest the bottles break, and scatter the wine.*

Matth 9. 17.

Let us labour to lay hold upon Christ, and stick close to him, and follow his Commandments, and not be *like the man that looks his face in a glasse, and presently forgetteth what manner of man he was.*

James 1. 23 24, 25.

Let us labour for *Christ*, and get faith; the greater faith, the greater joy: Faith is a gift to win Christ by; Christ will not be won without faith.

Ephes. 2 8 Phil. 3. 8.

Many there be that will not believe there is a God, but it is the littlenesse of their faith, the weaknesse of faith; they are fools

Psal.14.1. and do not understand, that think so, for *the fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.*

Matth.24. 24. 1 Tim.2.5 There are many that say, they have Christ and they are Christ, but there is no more Christs but one. Many there be that say that they have Christ, and they Christ but they do but make a shew to the world, and flatter the world; when God knowes, they know not what Christ is. They make a shew to the world, and say, Christ is within them, and Christ is within them when alas they do not know what he is they flatter the world, and they think to flatter God too; but alas, alas, the day of judgment, the day of judgement; alas, alas, they are blinde, and cannot see; there is a mist before their eyes; they run, but they cannot tell whither; they stumble, there is a stumbling-block before their eyes.

1 Cor.4.10 Gal.5.24. 2 Per.1.9. & 2.20. 1 Pet.1,7,8

Oh how happy a thing it is, and joyful for to see, when a poor Christian is imbraced in those two armes of love, that beloved One, that beloved One! those whom he hath chosen, he will take them for his own for ever, he will lock them in his Cabinet from all sin and sorrow, and from the Devils assaults.

John 17. 24.

Mal.3.17. *In the day when I make up my jewels, they shall be mine, saith the Lord.*

She

She concluded with much rejoycing, but expreſt no words.

September 26

I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman: every branch that bringeth not forth good fruit in me, ſhall be hewen down, and caſt into the fire. John 15. 1,2.

Thoſe that I do not chaſtiſe, they are not *ſonnes*, but *baſtards*, ſaith the Lord. Heb. 12. 8.

Lord, pull back Satan, that roaring lion, which would devour my poor ſoul; but he cannot, but he cannot, my God will not ſuffer him.

Obey the Commmandments of God, and do not diſhonour him, but honour him; and do not abuſe his Titles, Words, or Works: labour to make a right uſe of them; it is them that we muſt be overthrown, or accepted by. Deut. 6. 3. Exod. 20. 7. Rom. 2. 11 & 12, & 13

Take heed you live not in a known ſin; for if you live in a known ſin, it is a double ſin; and if in a double ſin, God will double his Judgements; God will denounce againſt you the greateſt Judgement amongſt the Catalogue: if you diſhonour God, he will make you ſmart for it. Luke 12. 47. 48.

Take heed of Satan, that cunning Ser-

pent; beware of him, beware of him; for he is alwayes drawing and flattering us unto him; and when he hath got us unto him, hell-fire will be our end.

Joel 3.16. margin. Let us labour to forsake sin, and cleave unto *Jesus Christ*, and let him be our safeguard; if you give way to little sins, it will bring on greater sins; Ephes.5.6. *For which things sake the wrath of God commeth upon the children of disobedience:* if you give way to little sins, it will bring on greater sins, and then the greater will be your Judgement.

Lord, sanctifie it unto us, that it may take an impression in our hearts; and work it in us, that it may take a deep impression in our hearts.

Phil.2.8. Gal.3.13. Let us labour to be partakers with that thy beloved One, that suffered death upon the Crosse to save us from hell-torments: had not he suffered death upon the Crosse for our sins, we had been howling in hell this day: have we not cause to love him? have we not cause to love him, that suffered death upon the Crosse, that cruell death by the Jews? if we should suffer never so much, we could never suffer so much for him, as he did for us; Oh have we not cause to love him? let us lay down our lives for his sake that laid down his life for us. What miserable

rable creatures are we! so that our souls be but saved, we never think of Christs sufferings for us; we alwayes forget that, but we must remember it, at the day of Judgement the Lord will call us to an account for all these things. Isai.53.7.

In the day when I make up my jewels, they shall be mine, saith the Lord Jehovah. Mal.3.17.

September 27.

Lord, as thou hast fed our bodies with temporall food, so feed our souls with spirituall food.

Lord, work thy Word with faith in our hearts; unlesse it be written with thy Spirit, it is but a dead letter. Heb.4.2.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and all things were made by him. Joh.1.1,3.

Beware of Satan, that Serpent that goeth about, and stands in corners to watch to vanquish my soul, but he cannot, but he cannot touch it, he cannot enter in, labour to have the foundation of life, that he may not touch it, which foundation is an everlasting foundation, it will stand, it will never fail. 1 Joh.5.18

Let us labour for Christ; for the stronger we are in Christ, the weaker we are in this world; the stronger we are in this world, the weaker we are in Christ. 1 Cor.1.27

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Ephes.2. 20. Let us labour to build our converſation upon the three-corner ſtones, which is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt.

Iſai.26.3. *Truſt in the Lord, Truſt in the Lord* Jehovah; *for in the Lord* Jehovah *is everlaſting ſtrength.*

Lord, ſatisfie our unſatisfied hearts, for if a man have all the world, he hath not enough, but he hankers, and hungers, and thirſts more after the things of the world; but when we have Chriſt, Oh what can we deſire more, what would we have more? Oh! what can a Chriſtians heart deſire more then that beloved One, that *Chriſt Jeſus?* labour to have your foundation built upon that Holy one, that Holy One.

Pſal.73. 25. Phil.3.8. Col.3.11.

September 29.

Col 3.9, 10. *Take heed you lie not one to another, ſeeing you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge, after the Image of him that created him.*

Pſal.2.10. Be wiſe in all your doings, and be ye preſent, be ye preſent before the eyes of the Lord: ô fear the Lord; ô fear the Lord, though you fear not men.

Verſe 11. Meeter. See that you *ſerve the Lord* above *with trembling and with fear:* ſee that with reve-

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tence you rejoyce in him in like manner: ô let us fear the Lord, that we may live in his fear, and die in his favour.

Oh that we had hearts to obſerve the Commandments of God: if we had but hearts to obſerve his Commandments, we ſhould never ruu upon our own ſouls deſtruction, as we do. Deut.5.29

Labour to ſpend your time well in this world of abomination and ſin; for it is but for a little moment: and labour to repent before the day of death, (for after the day of death there is no repentance) leſt you run headlong into hell to your own deſtruction for ever and ever. 1 Cor.7.29 30,31. Luke 13.3.

Beware of Satan, that Serpent, and give not vvay to his aſſaults, but deſpiſe them, and flie back from them.

Let us labour for Chriſt, & let us hunger & thirſt after him; for one glimpſe of Chriſt is better then a 1000 worlds; for one glimpſe of Chriſt will raviſh a poor Chriſtians heart: for when a Chriſtian is drooping and thinking that God hath forſaken him, then God out of his favour ſheweth him one glimpſe, and then goeth back again, & ſheweth him but by glimpſes and glimpſes, to make him ſtick cloſer unto him, even as a ſtar that lightens and darkens, and lightens and darkens, to make the light ſhine brighter. Cant.5.10 Hoſea 6.3.

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She spake no more until the sixth of October.

Come, my people, enter into my Tabernacle. Having spoken these words, she fell into an exraordinary fit of laughing and tittering heartily, six or seven several times, as she used to do in her best health, when she was over-joyed with any thing, and soon after fell into a mourning, and (as it were) wept in her breast, and then she spake the words following.

Beware of Satan that Serpent, lest he reign in your hearts; for if he touch you, he will creep in and in, like a snail, and if he get hold, he will not be got out, unless Christ pull him off.

1 John 2.3, 15. Let us labour to follow the Commandements and Rules of our heavenly Father. Oh, that we could but observe, and follow them; we should never have our hearts tied to this world of abomination and sin as we have.

John 7.37. *Come, all you that are thirsty, and drink of the water of life freely, and you shall never thirst again, saith the Lord.*

Eccles. 9. 10. & 11.3 Let us labour to repent of all our sins before the day of death; for after death there is no repentance: *As life leaveth us, so judgement findeth us.* Let

Let us labour to have our hearts tied to that Beloved One, if we could but have our hearts tied unto him, we should *never run astray like lost sheep*, as we do. Luke 5.4,5

Twice she rejoyced, and laughed very high, and then she said:

My Christ, my Christ shineth before me; oh, have we not cause to rejoyce in him, that shineth so gloriously before us in white robes? Oh, trust in him; Oh, trust in him: Oh that glorious sight; the Son of my sweet Father: Oh, let us labour to get faith, and let us never be without faith, that we may rejoyce in him for ever and ever. 1 Pet. 1.8.

Lord, pull back Satan that subtile Serpent, and chain him up, Lord, and let him get no power over mypoor soul; he always maliceth, and troublerh and perplexeth the childe of God, but he can get no power over me; I do believe he cannot: I trust in thee, I trust in thee; for thou hast promised that thou wilt help me in time of trouble, and in time of extremity; thou dost but suffer him to look in, to look in, to make me stick closer unto thee, and to deter me from this vain, wicked, transitory world, and from his assaults. Ephes. 6. 16. Isai. 41. 10.

Lord, wash us, and cleanse us in the bloud of Revel. 7. 1

Revel.12. 4. of thy onely begotten Son, that we may become pure Virgins of thine.

Psal 139. 23,24. Lord, help us to examine our hearts, and look into them, and search them to the bottom, and seek to the bottom to see if there be no dross left in them; neither dross, nor sin remain in them.

Rom.12. 16. 1 Cor.8.2. Phil.2.3. Let us not think too well of our selves; for when a man thinketh he is in the highest condition, then he is in the lowest: and when a poor doubting Christian thinketh he is in the lowest condition, he is in the highest.

Lord, humble our proud, haughty, ignorant, and rebellious hearts, that are not worthy to taste of the least mercy of thine; ô let us be thankful for the least mercy that the Lord hath poured down upon us, and you shall see that he will poure down greater.

Then she laughed very much, and clasped her arms several times, and said:

Phil.1.28. Isai.1.18, 19. Oh, let us hunger and thirst after that holy One; let us never be affrighted with Satans temptations; *Though your sins be as Scarlet, they shall be as white as wooll; and though they be like Crimson, they shall be like Snow: if you consent and obey, you shall eat the good things of the Land: but if you be stubborn and rebellious,*

lions, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

October the 8th.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, *roaring lion, that goeth about to destroy* my poor soul; he watcheth and waiteth for every opportunity to get in, but he cannot. My Christ will tread him under foot, that he can get no power of my poor soul.

There be many that say, Lo, here is Christ, and lo, there is Christ, but there is no more crucified Christs, but one alone. Matth. 24. 23.

Oh, let us rejoyce. Oh, let us sing and rejoyce; for the snare is broken, and we are escaped as a bird from the fowler.

We are poor dry bones, Lord, breath a Spirit of life into us, that we may become lively Saints of thine; for if thou breatheſt not the Spirit of life upon us, we are but like dry bones that moscer away.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, whether they be sins of Omission or Commission; or sins of ignorance, or sins of knowledge; or sins of weakness, or sins of wilfulness; or what sort of sins soever they be: Lord, wash us & cleanse us in the bloud of thy Beloved One, thy Son Jesus Christ; there

there is not one day that goeth over our heads, but we ſin every day more and more.

We poor nothing creatures, that are not worthy to taſte of the leaſt mercy of thine; if thou hadſt not been a merciful, and a pittiful God, we had been all howling in hell-fire before this day; but thou ſhewedſt pitty, and compaſſion upon us, or elſe we had all been ſunk into that endleſs pit; but thou gaveſt us thy Beloved Son to redeem us out of that endleſs pit of torment.

1 Pet. 2 3. 4. Let us draw comfort from Jeſus Chriſt, even as the Bee ſucks honey from the flower; if the Bee finde ſweetneſſe in one flower, ſhe will not flie away to another; even ſo, if we could finde ſweetneſſe from Jeſus Chriſt, we ſhould not flie away from him as we do; but we muſt labour for it before we can get it: for how ſhould the Bee get honey from the flower, unleſſe it labour and ſuck for it? ſo how ſhould we get ſweetneſſe and comfort from Jeſus Chriſt, unleſſe we labour for it?

Luke 9.58 *The Birds of the air have neſts, and the Foxes have holes, but the Son of man hath not where to put his head.*

October 9.

Col. 3.9. Take heed you lie not one to another, for the

the Lord ſaith, *They are my children ſuch as will not lie.* Iſai.63.8.

Take heed you deſpiſe not Gods Ordinances, nor his Inſtruments that he hath ſent to preach his Word. God will but let you go on with your own deluſions for a time, but there vvill come a day of Judgement to try vvhether you be right or falſe: he is the Judge of all Judges, he is a true Judge, that vvill try vvhether you be right or falſe.

Theſe ſtony hearts of ours Lord renevv them vvith the knovvledge and righteouſneſſe of Chriſt thy *onely begotten Son, in whom thou art well pleaſed.* Epheſ.4. 23,24.

Lord, quicken theſe thorny, dead, ignorant and carnall hearts of ours that are ſo ſet upon the vvorld, vvherein there is nothing but *vanity and vexation of ſpirit:* for what is a man better, if he have all the world and have not Chriſt? for he is alvvayes hungring after more; for how can a round thing fill a three cornered? ſo this world cannot fill our hearts, nor give us ſatisfaction; why ſhould we be ſo in love with this world? when we depart, we cannot take it with us, we muſt leave it behinde us; we muſt change either for a better life or a worſe, either for a life of torment or a life of joy.

Let us labour to forſake ſin and live unto righte- Pſal.49.17

Matth.7. 24.10 27. righteousnesse, that we may have our conversation built upon the Lord substantially: if it be built on soft ground, it will fall; but if it be built upon that substantiall rock, it will stand for ever.

October 10.

2Cor.5 17 Heb.4 2. Lord, renew us vvith thy grace, that vve may be fit to come to the School of Christ, to learn the lesson of faith.

Rom.6.6,8 Lord, cast out the old man, that he may not take root, that vve may become nevv livers; and vvhen that old man is cast out, labour to dravv neerer and neerer unto Christ.

2Pet.2.22 Take heed you live not in a known sin; for if you live in a known sin, and wallow in sins, even as a sow doth wallow in the mire, it is dangerous.

Job 34.32. Lord, Lord, *that which I know not, teach thou me*, and I will learn.

Psal.139. *ult.* Let us search the secrets of our hearts, lest there be any weeds scattered amongst them.

Psal.37.7. Wait and be patient, whatsoever the Lord pleaseth to lay upon you, as patient *Job*, in all his afflictions he was patient.

Job 1.18, 19. When one came and told him, that all his Children vvent to feast at their elder Brothers house,

Ver.21,22 and

and the house fell upon them; he said, It is the will of the Lord, why should not I be contented? *The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the Name of the Lord:* and his wife came to him, and bade him curse God and die: then he said, *Oh thou fooliſh woman, ſhall we receive good at the hands of God, and ſhall we not receive evill?* then there came another to him, and told him, that his goods were all gone and devoured; yet *Job* was of the same minde that he was before, and said, *The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, bleſſed be the Name of the Lord:* and *Job* was patient in all his afflictions, and was confirmed that his soul was precious in the sight of the Lord.

Job 2 9,10

Job 1.14, 15,16,17.

Job 19 25, 26,27.

Lord, cast down Satan, that Serpent, and chain him up, that he may get no power over my poor soul.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, that are so blowne up with the pride and vanities of this world; if we did but look into and examine our hearts, we should not please the flesh so as we do, but whil'st we are in the flesh, we are apt to follow the lusts of the flesh.

Gal.5.17,

Oh let us labour for that Holy One, that Holy One, that Jewel, that precious Jewel, that Jewel of our Heavenly Father, that Jewel of all Jewels

Matth.13. 46.

1 Cor. 2. 2. Oh what can a Christian heart desire more then a Christ, then a crucified Christ.

Oh if we can but gain Christ, we have all, we have all.

Oh that we had but hearts to conceive the preciousnesse, the sweetnesse and holinesse of that Beloved, that Christ.

Gal. 4. 19. Oh that we could but have Christ set upon our hearts aright.

Oh let us glorifie him in all things; all honour and glory be given to him, to whom it belongeth.

October the 11th.

Lord, pull back that subtile Serpent, he is so subtile, that he is alwayes seeking in corners to devour my poor soul, but he cannot; my Christ is stronger then he: and when he seeth, that he cannot get power over the childe of God, then he goeth away murmuring and repining.

1 Cor. 13. 13. *Faith, hope, and charity, and the chiefest of these is charity*; charity is love, is love in Christ; faith is a gift of Christ; and hope, is hope to gain Christ.

Heb. 9. 24. 1 Pet. 2. 5. Oh let us pray for faith, and all other good graces that are necessary for us, and let us pray earnestly unto Christ, that he may

may pray for us in Heaven; and if he pray for us, we ſhall be ſure to be heard.

Let us caſt our care upon the Lord, in all calamities; for he hath bid us caſt our care upon him, and he will care for us. 1 Pet. 5. 7.

October the 12th.

Come, all you that are a thirſt, and drink freely of the Spring-well-water of life, and you ſhall never thirſt again. John 7. 37.

My Chriſt hath pull'd back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to deſtroy my poor ſoul; but if God bid him be gone, he muſt be gone: my God will pull him off me, I hope; if you watch not to him as well as he watcheth to you, he will flatter and deceive you, as he wou'd have done our Saviour Chriſt, if he had had that power; but he had not that power, when *he ſet him upon the Pinnacle of the Temple, and ſhewed him all the Kingdomes of the World, and the glory thereof, and ſaid, All this will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worſhip me:* if we do not look unto his corners, he will get and command power over us, as he thought to have done over our Saviour Chriſt, when he ſaid unto him, *If thou be the Son of God, cauſe theſe ſtones to be made bread.* Matth. 4. 5 8, 9. Verſe 6.

Isai. 29 18. Lord, open the eyes of the blinde, that they may see clearly into the errours of sin.

Depend upon the Lord in all your extremities and calamities, and when his appointed time is come, he will release you.

Cast your selves into those armes of love, and he will be your Saviour.

October the 14th.

She rejoyced very much, and then had an exceeding great and long conflict, and then she rejoyced again, and said,

My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lurking, *roaring lion, that goeth about to devour* my poor soul, but he cannot, but he cannot come neer it; My Christ is stronger then he; My God doth but let him step in, to make me relie more upon him.

Lord, humble these proud, ignorant and carnall hearts of ours, that we be not led away with this world, and the vanities in it, and let us not taste of them; for if we taste of them, they will enter into us more and more; if we could but taste of the sweetnesse of Christ, we shall be tied unto him more and more, and flie back from the world and desire him more and more.

1 Pet. 2. 3, 4.

Then she had another great rejoycing fit,

fit, and ſtretched out her armes, and ſaid,

Let us ſtick cloſe to that Holy One, and he will ſtick cloſe to us; but if we ſit looſe from him, he will ſit looſe from us. John 15. 5,6.

Take heed of living in a known ſin; for if you live in a known ſin, it is dangerous; for if you live in a ſin you know you are guilty of, it is dangerous; ô look back unto your ſelves, and labour truly to repent, leſt your ſins be hardened, and God turn his back of you; for if they once be hardened, it is hard to get them off again.

Take heed you live not in knovvn ſins, as drunkenneſſe, laſciviouſneſſe, blaſphemy, and keeping of evill company, and all other vices; labour to repent of them, and ſay, *Lord, that which I know not, teach thou me, and if I have done iniquity, I will do ſo no more.* Job 34.32.

October the 15th.

Let us hunger and thirſt after that Holy One, and not followv the vanities of this vvorld, as we do, the vanities of this world of abomination, and ſin.

Let us labour to forſake ſin and this vvorld, and all things that are therein, and ſtick cloſe unto Jeſus Chriſt, that Holy One, and not be like the ſvvine that regard acorns more then pearls.

Let us labour to have our converſation built upon the Lord ſtedfaſtly; let us labour to have our foundation of life built upon that ſubſtantiall rock ſtedfaſtly; for if it be built upon ſandy ground, it vvill fall; but if it be built upon that ſtedfaſt rock, it vvill ſtand for ever and ever.

Lord, pull back Satan, that Serpent, that goeth about to devour my poor ſoul; but he cannot, he cannot, he cannot enter in; my Chriſt will give him no power.

Let us labour to forſake ſin, and live unto righteouſneſſe, and truly repent of our former ſins, which we have ſinned, which we have committed formerly, let us truly repent of them. 1 Pet.2.24

Oh let us cry aloud unto the Lord, in the time of extremity and calamity, and he hath promiſed that he will give ear unto us.

October the 16th.

Oh let us truſt in the Lord, for he is a truſty one, he is to be truſted: let us caſt both our bodies and ſouls into the hands of that everliving and glorious God, for he hath bid us to *caſt our care upon him, and he will care for us.* 2 Theſ.3.3 1 Pet.5.7.

If we ſhould truſt a carnall man that hath Pſal.146.3.

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no care of his ſalvation, but of the traſh of this world, he is ſo greedy of it, and hungers and thirſts after it, that he thinks that that will make him; but the neerer we are to the traſh of this world, the farther are we off of God: if we could but hunger and thirſt after the riches of Chriſt, vve ſhould not hunger after the riches of this vvorld, as vve do. James 4.4. John 4.14.

Oh that vve had but hearts to conceive the riches of Chriſt from the riches of this vvorld; for vve think that the riches of this vvorld vvill be the making of us, but alas, alas, they vvill be the undoing of us. *The wiſdome of man is fooliſhneſſe, but the wiſdome of God is righteouſneſſe.* Prov. 3.13 14. Pſal. 49.11 12. Prov. 3.32. 1 Cor. 1.20

October the 17th.

Lord, Lord, vvaſh us and cleanſe us in the purity of thy onely begotten Son, in vvhom thon art vvell pleaſed, that vve may become pure Virgins of thine; for vvithout vve be in ſome part holy, as thou art holy, and in ſome part perfect, as thou art perfect, vve can never enter into the Kingdome of God, into the Kingdome of Heaven. Revel. 7. 14. & 14. 4. 1 Pet. 1. 16 Matth. 5. 48. Heb. 12. 14 1 Cor. 15. 50.

Reſiſt the Devill, and he will flie back from you: he vvill go avvay murmuring and repining at you: take heed he enter not into

John 13.2. your hearts; for if he do, he vvill leave corruption behinde him: even as the ſnail leaveth ſlime behinde it: ſo he leaveth the corruption of ſin behinde him. The corruption of the Devil vvill ſhevv it ſelfe, and the holy righteouſneſſe of God vvill ſhevv it ſelfe; but there is a great deal of differenee: for Act. 13 10 where the corruptiou of Satan remaineth, there is nothing but laſciviouſneſſe, blaſphemy, lying, threatening, and keeping of evill 2Cor.5.17 company: but where the purity of Chriſt remaineth, there is upright dealing, righteouſneſſe, and true holineſſe.

Ephes.5. 18. Luke 24. 49. Rom.8.10, 13. Lord, fill us with thy Spirit; Lord, endue us with the Spirit of Chriſt, for where the Spirit of Chriſt remaineth, there can no corruption enter in.

James 2.5. Oh let us labour for the riches of *Chriſt*; for if a poor man that is never ſo poor, hath but the riches of *Chriſt*, he is accepted of God; for with the Lord there is no reſpect of perſons.

October the 18th.

Iſai.26.4. *Truſt in the Lord* Jehovah, *for in the Lord* Jehovah *is everlaſting ſtrength.*

Rom.15. 2. Let us labour for faith; the greater faith, the

the greater joy; faith is the beginning of wisdome: it is the first thing that doth belong to a Christian. Oh if we could but get faith, it would carry us above all; it would carry us from the lowest earth to the highest heaven. Heb. 11. 33 &c. Ephes. 2, 8. Acts 17. 28

Oh let us labour for *Christ*, that holy One, *by whom we live, move, and have our being.* Jer. 42. 20.

Lord, sanctifie our unsanctified hearts, and keep us from dissembling; for if we dissemble with man, we shall not dissemble with God: there are many false hearts in this world, but God knowes them; God knowes their comming in and their going out; though hypocrisie be hid from man, it cannot be hid from God: God knows our thoughts, words, works, actions: *The heart of man is deceitfull, but God can finde it out.* God knows every work we do, every word we speak, every thought we think, and we must answer for them one day: the Lord will call us to an account at the day of judgement, he is a righteous Judge, he will judge righteously: if we deal not uprightly with man, we shall not deal uprightly with God. Hos. 11. 12. Psal. 139. 2 3. Verse 2. Jer. 17. 9. Revel. 2. 2, 19. Eccles. 12. 14. Rom. 14. 12. 2 Cor. 5. 10

Lord, soften these stony, ignorant, hard, and carnall hearts of ours; Lord, mollifie them with thy graces, with all thy gracious gifts,

gifts, as faith, that we may be fit to enter into the Kingdome of Heaven.

James 5.8. Isai.30.18. Oh let us be patient, untill the appointed time of the Lord; he waits on us, but we cannot be contented to wait upon him; we could be contented to be all our lives without afflictions; but if we should not know affliction, we should not know comfort. We should be so taken and blown up with comfort, that we should not know our selves; if we should not have discomfort mixt with comfort, we should value it so much, that we should value the creature more then the Creator.

Psal.119. 50. Heb.12.11

October 19. about 4a clock in the afternoon.

Matth.7. 24. Let us labour to be followers of that Beloved One, he that doth not the will of my Father vvhich is in Heaven, he is not vvorthy of the Lord.

Oh let us put off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of righteousnesse, that we may be fit to enter into the Kingdome of Heaven.

Again, the same day about eight of clock she spake, and she did keep to that hour untill *November* 21.

Matth.7. *Narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few*

few there be that finde it; but wide is the way that leadeth to deſtruction, and many there be that go therein.

Oh let us labour for Chriſt, that Love, that Dove, that undefiled One; he is the Door-keeper, he will lead us from the gates of hell unto everlaſting life. Heb.7.26. Joh.10.7. with 3.& 9

Lord, pull dovvn thoſe that have a minde to pull down thee, and raiſe up thoſe that have a deſire to raiſe up thee.

Lord, give us patience to vvait upon thy time appointed: vve vvould be all our lives vvithout affliction, but it is for our good; not for our hurt, but for our good; thou doeſt not chaſtiſe us for our hurt, but for our good; for the Lord hath ſaid, they are not my children, but baſtards, whom I do not chaſtiſe not. Heb 12.10 & verſe 8.

Oh vvhy ſhould not vve vvait upon him that vvaiteth alvvayes upon us? vvhy ſhould not vve be patient? but vve are ſo naughty, and full of corrupt nature, that vve cannot be contented to vvait upon him till our Glaſs be run; he vvaiteth and vvatcheth over us every hour and minute: vvhen the time appointed cometh, he can raiſe any of us up, even as he did the Maid, vvhen he ſaid, *Ariſe, and be whole; and ſhe aroſe, and was healed.* Mark 5.41 42. Oh vvhy ſhould not vve be contented, for his Arme is not ſhortened, nor his Povv-

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Isai.59.1. er diminished; therefore vvhy should no vve be contented?

In this vvorld whilest we are in affliction we think it is miserable and grievous; but hereafter it will be sweetened; while we are in affliction we think it is miserable and grievous; but the Lord will sweeten it with the cup of mercy; the Patient must taste of a bitter potion before his stomack be cleared.

Matth.7.2. Oh let us labour to fear the Lord, that we may live in his fear and die in his favour; for as we do, so we must look to be done by.

October the 20th

Ephes.6.1. *Children, obey your parents in all things, knowing that it is well pleasing unto the Lord.*

Matth.26.39. Oh let us labour to have our wills melted into the will of that everliving and glorious God.

Matth.11.25,26. The secrets of God are hid from man, and his wayes past finding out; but the Lord will reveal them to his children in some part, when his time appointed is come.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, and endue us with the gift of Humiliation.

Oh let us labour to return thanks unto the Lord for all his mercies that he hath poured down upon us; for the way of begetting more,

more, is to return thanks unto the Lord, & to give reverence unto him; we reverence our earthly fathers, our natural fathers, Oh why should not we much more reverence our Heavenly Father? Heb. 12. 9.

Oh let us labour to forsake this world, and all things that are therein; for there is nothing that is desirable.

Oh let us labour to stick close unto that Holy One: for when all things in the world fail, he will never fail, he will stick close to us, when all things in this world decay, and moscer away, he will be an everlasting rock. Heb. 13. 5. & 8.

Lord, open our blinde eyes, that we may see clearly the weakness of our selves, and the strength of Christ.

Oh let us labour to lead our lives and conversations well in this life; for as we do, so we must look to be done by: if we sowe unto the flesh, we shall reap corruption; but if we sowe unto the Spirit, we shall reap life everlasting. Gal. 6. 8.

October the 21th.

Let us labour to repent of all our sinnes which we have lived in formerly, which lieth unrepented of; for after the day of death

Eccles.9. 10. death there is no repentance; as life leaveth us, so Judgement findes us.

October the 22th.

Psal.68 5. Oh let us *cast our care upon the Lord, for he will care for us*, he hath promised to be *a father to the fatherlesse, and a husband to the widow.*

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to devour my poor soul; but he cannot, my Christ will tread him under foot, that he can get no power over my poor soul.

Lord, graft thy Word into our heads, and not onely into our heads, but into our hearts also. We are poor Earth-wormes, Lord, breath into us the breath of life, that we may become lively Saints of thine, that we may become lively Saints of thine, and that we may sing *Hallelujahs* with thee in the highest Heavens.

Take heed you lie not one to another, for if you go in that way, the Devill will take that occasion to pour in more corruption.

Lord, mollifie these hard hearts of ours with thy graces, that are so hardened with sin and corruption.

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October the 24th.

Lord, open the eyes of the blinde, that they may ſee clearly the purity that is in Chriſt; and the corruption that is in themſelves they ſee and perceive not, they hear and underſtand not. Iſai. 29,18 Matth. 13, 14.

Lord, enrich our ſouls with thy graces, that we may be inſtruments to enrich the Kingdome of Heaven.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to deſtroy my poor ſoul; but he cannot: my Chriſt will give him no power: he will not let him touch it. He doth what he can to get victory; but he cannot: my Chriſt will not let him. The Devil maliceth the children of God: he is alwayes buſieſt about them, and flattering them; he is alwayes thinking to make them fear him, and flattering them, and thinking to overcome them; but thoſe whom God hath choſen, he will take them for his own; the poor doubting Chriſtian the Devil is always putting feares and doubts into them; but when he thinks they are in the loweſt condition, they are in the higheſt; and when a man thinketh he is in the higheſt condition, he is in the loweſt; when a poor doubting Chriſtian

1 Cor. 10. 12. Christian thinketh he falls, he stands; a when a man thinketh he stands, he falls.

Lord, take away these hearts of stone, a renew us with hearts of flesh.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of our that we may not be swallowed up with th 2 Tim. 4. 10. vanities of this world; we are apt to b drawn to the vanities of this world, and t flie back from Christ. Oh what disobedien children are we, that follow not the com mands of so loving a Father: that which h biddeth us to do, that we do not; and tha which he biddeth us not do, that we do.

Revel. 2. 10. Oh let us labour for faith, for *he that faithfull untill death, he shall enjoy the crowne life.*

October the 25th.

Isai. 26. 20. *Come my people enter into thy chamber, shu the door upon thee, hide thy selfe for a little mo ment, untill the indignation of the Lord be over past.*

Matth. 10. 37, 38. *He that doth not the will of my Father, which is in heaven, he is not worthy of me, saith th Lord.*

Jer. 4. 30. Matth. 13. 7. Take heed you sowe not good seed upon thorny ground, lest the thorns spring up, and choak it.

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My Christ hath pulled back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, which goeth about to devour my poor soul: he maliceth my poor soul, and thinks to get the victory, but he cannot.

Oh let us labour to be partakers with that Beloved one, that immaculate lamb of God, that spotlesse lambe that laid down his life to take away the sins of the whole world. 1 Pet. 1. 19. John 1. 29. 1 John 2. 2.

Oh let us labour for faith, that rich grace of our God; Lord, pour it down upon us, that is, that rich grace of eternity, that is, the grace, by which we must either live or die; without we have that grace, we shall never come to God, we shall never come to Christ. Oh let us labour for faith; ô let us labour for faith; nô faith, no Christ; no Christ, no salvation.

Lord, as thou hast fed our bodies with temporall food, so feed our souls with spirituall food; that we may be able Instruments to enrich the Kingdome of Heaven.

Lord, endue our spirits with the gift of Humiliation: for the Spirit of God is a humble Spirit, a meek Spirit, a holy Spirit, a full Spirit; it acts powerfully, and breaths where it listeth. Matth. 3. 16. Acts 13. 9. Rom. 15. 19.

Trust in the Lord Jehovah, *for in the Lord* Jehovah *is our everlasting strength.* Isai. 26.

Isai. 1. 18, 19, 20. *Come,* my people, *let us reason together: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool; though they be like crimson, they shall be as white as snow; if you consent and obey, you shall eat the good things of the land; but if you be stubborn and rebellious, you shall be devoured with the sword;* for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

October the 26th.

John 7. 39. & 4. 14. Revel. 22. 17. *Come, all you that are thirsty, and drink freely of the spring-well-water of life, and you shall never thirst again.*

2 Pet. 2. 25. Oh let us labour to have our hearts tied to that immaculate Lamb, that we do not run away like a lost sheep into this world, as we do; wherein there is nothing but vanity and vexation of spirit.

My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that labours to eclipse my comfort; but he cannot, but he cannot, he can get no power; he maliceth the good of my poor soul, but he is never the neerer for that; as much as he seeks to discomfort me, so much the more there is one above that comforts me.

2 Cor. 1. 5.

Rom. 11. 33. *The Works of God are wonderfull, and his wayes past finding out; the wisdome of man is*

is foolishnesse, but the wisdome of God is righteousnesse.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, that they be not blown up with the vanities of this world; for we are apt to become back-sliders from that which is good, and to be followers of that which is evill. Heb.2.4. with Heb. 10.38.

Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest, saith the Lord. Matth.11. 28.

In the day when I make up my jewels, they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts. Mal.3.17.

October the 27th.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Revel.3.

Oh let us call upon the Lord in time of trouble, and he hath promised that he will hear us: ô let us charge the Lord with his promises; for he loveth to be charged with his promises, of his children, and he will give more attentive ear unto them: ô let us wrestle with him, as *Jacob* did, when he said, *I will not let thee go until thou blesse me:* he would not have a deniall of God. Psal.50. Luke 18.1 &c. Isai.62.6,7 Gen.32.24 26.

First, he prepareth our hearts, that they may be capable of faith; then he worketh faith in them.

October the 28th.

Matth.7. *Ask, and you ſhall have; ſeek, and you ſhall finde; knock, and the door* of Righteouſneſſe *ſhall be opened unto you.*

Matth.12. 50. *They that do the Will of my Father, they are my Mother, Siſter, and Brother,* ſaith our Saviour *Chriſt.*

We poor drie bones that moſcer away for want of one drop of the dew of righteouſneſſe: we moſcer away; we are ſo deeply drowned in ſin, in the corruption of ſin, that we cannot of our ſelves attain to the power to enjoy that ſweet enjoyment of Eternity.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to eclipſe the ſpirituall comfort of my poor ſoul; but he cannot, but he cannot; my Chriſt hath made a wall, and he cannot enter the wall, he cannot caſt it down.

Oh let us labour for *Chriſt*, that *Love*, that *Dove*, that *Undefiled One*, that *Holy One*, *by whom we live, move, and have our being*; he is *All in All*, perfect without imperfection.

Revel.21. 4. Oh let us labour for the ſweet enjoyment of Eternity; where there is comfort without diſcomfort, joy without ſorrow; and *where all*

all tears are wiped away from our eyes, and bottled up.

Oh let us labour to attain to that eternall weight of glory, where there is nothing but joy and rejoycing, mirth and melodie, and singing *Hallelujahs* with the Lord in the highest Heavens. Psal.56.8. 2Cor.4.17

Children, obey your parents in all things, knowing that it is well-pleasing unto the Lord: for the wrath of God commeth upon the children of disobedience. Ephes.6.1, with 5.6.

October the 29th.

No man can come to Christ, except the Father draw him. John 6.

Lord, endue us with those rich graces of thine, as faith, which is the richest of all; we are so benummed with sin, luke warme, and key-cold, that we cannot apprehend them to make a right use of them. 2 Pet.1.1. & 1 Pet.1. 7.

Oh let us labour for Christ: for *when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with him in glory.*

We poor, miserable, and wretched creatures, that have sinned against thee every day more and more; if thou hadst not bin a pitifull and mercifull God, we had before this been sunk into the endlesse pit of tor- Lam.3.22.

John 3.16, 17. ment, but thou haſt ſhewed pity and compaſſion upon us, in giving us thy onely begotten Son, to redeem us from that endleſſe pit of torment.

Col.3.5. *Mortifie therefore your members which are upon the earth, as fornication, adultery, blaſphemy, and covetouſneſſe, which is Idolatry.*

My *Chriſt* hath caſt down Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that thinks to get the upper hand over my poor ſoul; but I hope, nay I am ſure, that there is one above that will defend me from him; he hath promiſed that he will tread him under foot.

Gen.13.15 Rom.16. 20.

Luke 16. 25. The godly have their torments here, but the wicked ſhall have their torments for ever hereafter.

Take heed of Satan, for he is very ſubtle; for there is more danger when he commeth in white, like an Angel of light, then when he commeth in black, like a Blackmoore.

Pſal.37. 25. Oh let us labour for Chriſt, that Holy One: for *he will never ſuffer the righteous to be forſaken, nor their ſeed to beg their bread.*

October the 30th.

Matth.24. 23. *There be many that ſay, Lo, here is Chriſt, and lo, there is Chriſt*; but there is no more crucified Chriſts then one alone.

Lord,

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our ſins which we have ſinned againſt thee, of what ſort ſoever they be. Lord, waſh us and cleanſe us in the blood of thy oñely begotten One: ô what diſobedient children are we that are ſo rebellious againſt thee: Good Lord, pardon us, that we ſhould be ſo diſobedient to ſo loving a Father, that hath alwayes aneye over us, and watcheth over us every day and night, and continually; that which thou biddeſt us to do, that we do not; and that which thou biddeſt us not to do, that we do: but alas, alas, the greater is our Judgement. Iſai. 27. 3. Pſal. 121. 3, 4.

October the 31th.

Caſt your care upon the Lord, for he careth for you, and let not your care be upon the world; it will be never the better for you, but a great deal worſe; for *What are we better, if we gain the whole world, and loſe our own ſouls*, and be caſt into hell for ever? 1 Pet. 5. 7. Matth. 6. 27. Mark 8. 36

Oh let us labour to be partakers of the immaculate Lambe: ô what a ſweet thing it is to be partakers of that immaculate Lamb!

Oh! it would raviſh a poor Chriſtians ſoul; ô let us labour for him; if we loſe him, we loſe all.

1 Tim.6. 17,18,19. James 5.1. to the 15.

Lord, humble these proud and ignorant hearts of ours, that they be not puff't up and blowne up with the pride of this world; for God knoweth there is many of them; but Lord, teach them to know themselves, that they may live to please thee, and not to live in thy displeasure.

Oh let us knock at the door of Righteousnesse, untill *Christ Jesus* that immaculate lambe of God be pleased to open to us the door of faith.

November the 1.

Rom.6.14

Lord, purifie these drossy hearts of ours, that we may become pure Virgins of thine, and leave them without dross or sin remaining in them.

Acts 4 24. to the 30. 2 Thes.3.1 2.

Lord, restrain those that go about to interrupt those instruments, which thou hast sent to preach out thy holy Word in thy Congregations: it is requisite that offences should come, but wo be to them by whom they come.

Oh let us labour to gain the Kingdome of Heaven, and struggle, and strive for it; for it is not gained with a little ado, but Heaven is won by violence, *and the violent take it by force.*

Matth.11. 12.

Lord,

Lord, enrich theſe poor fainting ſouls of ours with thy graces, that we may become able inſtruments to inherit the Kingdome of Heaven.

November the 3.

Lord, endue us with thy rich graces, as faith, which is the richeſt grace of all; but our hearts are ſo ſtony, that we cannot apprehend them aright, to make a right uſe of them; but make them of a fit temper, that we may have our wills melted into that Will of that everlaſting, everliving, and glorious Lord our God, that we may lie at the feet of that immaculate lamb of thine, untill thoſe two arms of Love be pleaſed to take us up into the throne of Heaven.

Put on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to ſtand againſt all the wiles of the Devill. Epheſ. 6.

Oh labour to take notice of that everliving, and glorious Lord, our good God, and of all his mercies that he hath been pleaſed to pour down upon us; for if we take notice of him, he will take notice of us, both of all our needs and neceſſities, and neceſſary things both temporall and ſpirituall; for if we ſit looſe from him, he will ſit looſe from us. Micah 6. 3, 4, 5. Matth. 6. 32. 33.

Novem-

November the 4th.

Gen.35.3. Psal.136. 23,24. Oh let us labour to repent of all our sins which we have lived in formerly, and call to minde what the Lord hath done for us in distresse. When we were in the hands of our enemies, he hath preserved us from the hands of our enemies; for if we were as we should be, we should be thankfull every hour of a day; but God knoweth we are far short.

Zach.13.9 Good Lord, refine us, even as silver and gold is refined, and make us without spot or blemish, even as thy spotlesse lamb, and cloath us with the righteousnes of him.

November the 5th.

Luke 12. 47. *He that knoweth the will of* his Father that is in heaven, *and doth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes.*

Lord, renew these stony hearts of ours, and give us hearts of flesh.

Lord, open our blinde eyes, that we may see clearly the errour of sin, and the purity that is in Christ, and the corruption that is in our selves.

We poor, miserable, and wretched creatures,

tures, Lord, pardon and forgive us all our ſins, that we have committed againſt thee, and waſh them away in the blood of that thy beloved One, and leave us without ſpot or ſtain remaining in us.

November the 6th.

The Works of God are wonderfull, and his wayes paſt finding out.

Servants, obey the will and command of your Maſters, which are upon the earth, knowing that you have a Maſter in heaven. Ephes. 6. 5

Oh let us call upon the Lord in the time of extremity and calamity, and he hath promiſed to give ear unto us.

November the 8th.

Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will hear you, and you ſhall glorifie me. Pſal. 50.

Oh Lord, endue us with thy graces, that we may be fit to come to the School of Chriſt, to learn the leſſon of faith.

Oh let us labour for that beloved One; for if we have him, we have all; if we want him, we want all: he will ſtand unto us, when all will fall down; all things are but droſſe and dung in compariſon of him.

Oh

Zach 12. 10. Oh labour to repent of all your ſins: but you muſt firſt lay the ground-work of faith, and then truly repent, and return home unto the Lord.

Oh let us cry aloud unto the Lord in the time of neceſſity, and he hath promiſed to give ear unto us.

Caſt your care upon the Lord, for he careth for you; in the time of extremity and calamity, when all helpers in the world fail, he will be your greateſt help of all; he muſt do it, or none.

Pſal. 22. 11. with 19. Rom. 1. 28.

Oh let us labour to fear the Lord, that we may live in his fear, and die in his favour.

Matth. 11. 28. *Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you reſt.* Oh what a ſweet promiſe is this, if we had but hearts to apprehend it aright! but our hearts are ſo ſtony, and ſo full of corruption, that it can take no effect; but, Lord, mollifie them.

November the 9th.

Oh let us call to minde what the Lord hath done for us, and not be like the natural

James 1. *man that looketh his face in a glaſſe, and preſently forgetteth what manner of man he was.*

Oh let us labour and take pains for that

Phil. 3. well-beloved One, and labour to ſtick cloſe unto

unto him; for if we loſe him, we loſe all; and if we gain him, we gain all.

Oh let us labour to *ſet our affections on the things that are above, and not on the world,* wherein there is nothing but vanity and vexation of ſpirit.

Oh let us labour to wait and be patient untill his appointed time, for his time is the beſt time.

My Chriſt hath vanquiſhed Satan, that lu.king, roaring lion, that goeth about to devour my poor ſoul; but I hope he hath nothing to do with me, I hope my God will own me for his own; he is alwayes malicing and perplexing the children of God, to make their journey uncomfortable, and thinketh that if he get not victory then, he ſhall never get victory.

Come, all ye that are a thirſt, and drink freely of the Spring-well-water of life, and you ſhall never thirſt again.

Lord, Lord, endue us with thy graces, that we may become lively branches in thy Vineyard; prune it, dreſſe it, and water it, and look to it, that nothing hurt it, nor harme it.

Oh let us labour for faith, for *they that are faithfull until death, ſhall receive a Crowne of life.*

Lord,

Lord, satisfie these unsatisfied hearts of ours; for if a man have all the world, he thinketh that he hath not enough; but when he hath Christ, then he is fully satisfied. Ah, what can a Christian heart desire more then a crucified Christ, then a naked Christ? what can a Christian heart desire more? he is the jewell of all jewels, he is the upright One.

Labour to deal faithfully in all things: for as you do, so you must look to be done by; if you sowe to the flesh, you shall reap corruption; but if you sowe to the Spirit, you shall reap life everlasting.

Lord, endue us with thy graces, and set them aright upon our hearts, but they are so benummed, luke-warm, and key-cold, that we cannot apprehend them to make a right use of them: but Lord, make them of a fit temper

Oh let us labour for Christ, that love, that Dove, that undefiled one, that laid down his life to pardon the sinnes of all the elect.

November the 10th.

Lord, forgive and pardon all our sinnes, whether they be sins originall or actuall sins, of weaknesse or wilfulnesse; sins of omission or commission, sins of ignorance or of knowledge, scarlet sins or crimson sins,

ſins, or ſins of a double diet, or what ſort of ſins ſoever they be; Lord, waſh them and cleanſe us in the blood of thy beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt, *in whom alone thou art well pleaſed.*

Oh let us labour for Chriſt, that habitation, in whom we live, move, and have our being. Pſal. 90. 1.

Ask, and you ſhall have; knock, and it ſhall be opened to you, and the door that leadeth to everlaſting life ſhall be opened unto you. *Faith, hope, and charity, the greateſt of theſe three is charity.* Charity is love, and the love of Chriſt; faith is a gift given of Chriſt; and hope is a hoping to enjoy Chriſt.

Now, Lord, of thy merciful promiſe, let thy poor doubting Chriſtian feel ſome dram of aſſurance to this poor ſoul: let a poor ſinner feel one dram of the aſſurance of thy love to his poor doubting ſoul.

Oh let us ſuck ſweetnes from Jeſus Chriſt, as the childe ſucks milk from the mothers breſt; the harder we draw, the more we ſhall get; the childe wrangles and wrangles till the mother give it the pap in the mouth, and then it's quiet and ſatisfied: ſo, and there ſhe ſtaied a good ſpace, going oft over with the word [ſo] before ſhe could get any more words; at laſt, ſhe ſaid [ſo] a poor ſoul

soul seeks, and knows not what it wants, and wrangles, and wrangles till it get Christ; all the world will not satisfie it, but (and then she lifted up her selfe, and strook with her hand upon her thighs with much fervour of spirit) when it gets Christ, then it is satisfied, (and then using the same actions again, said) when it gets Christ, then it's abundantly satisfied; all the world will not satisfie him, but Christ will give him full satisfaction.

November the 11th.

Psal.37.3. Be ye holy, even as Christ is holy: *Be ye holy, as I am holy*, saith the Lord.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord, trust the Lord with all that you have; for he hath promised, that he will provide for them that trust in him, and keep you from evil.

Psal 34.22 & 17.7. Heb.11.19 & 32,35. 36. Lord, renew us with that rich grace of faith, it will carry us above, it will carry us from the lowest earth to the highest heaven; we are not in the lowest earth here, we are but in the middle earth; but faith will carry us from the lowest earth to the highest heaven.

Lord, teach us to walk in thy paths, and teach us the way that leadeth to everlasting life.

Novem-

November the 12th.

No man can come to Christ, unlesse the Father draw him. John 6.

Take heed you *lie not one to another*; for if you give way to that sin, the Devil will take that occasion to poure in more corruption. Col. 3.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that holy One; want him, and want all; and have him, and have all. 1 Joh. 5. 12

November the 14th.

Take heed you *lie not one to another*; for the Lord saith, *They are my children, such as will not lie, and I will be their Saviour.* Isai. 63 8.

Trust the Lord, trust in the Lord; for he is a trusty one, he is to be trusted; trust the Lord with your selfe, and all yours, and he will watch over you for good, and keep you from evil: for he hath promised that *those that trust in him, shall be as Mount Zion, which shall never be moved.* Psal. 125. 1

November the 15th.

He that knoweth the will of his Father which is in heaven, and doth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes.

Psal. 101. 1,2. Oh let us not be forgetfull of those mercies which the Lord hath been pleased to pour down upon us; but be thankfull for them, and prize them highly, for if we had a thousand hearts, and a thousand hearts, we could never be sufficiently thankfull: the mercies of God are to be esteemed, and highly esteemed of: there is many a poor Christian, many a poor creature, which would be glad to have those mercies which we daily and hourly enjoy; they are so common, that we do not esteem of them: but alas, alas, the greater is our Judgement.

November the 16th.

Hab. 2. 5. Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, lest we betake our selves to this vain world, and so run headlong into hell, to our own souls destruction.

Let us labour and take pains for that immaculate Lamb of God; for he will never see the righteous forsaken, nor their seed begging bread.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that holy One; for, *when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we appear with him in glory.*

Isai. 33. 17. Lord, open our blinde eyes, that we may see clearly the purity that is in Christ, and the

he corruption that is in our ſelves.

November the 19th.

Lord, purge and purifie theſe droſſy hearts of ours, and refine them, even as ſilver and gold is refined, that we may become pure virgins of thine.

Oh let us labour and take pains to inherit the Kingdome of Heaven, where there is nothing but mirth and melody, joy and rejoycing, joy without ſorrow, comfort without diſcomfort; where all tears are wiped away, and botled up.

November the 20th.

Oh let us labour for Chriſt, that holy One; he is all in all, perfect without imperfection; have him, and have all; want him, and want all; all things are but droſſe and dung in compariſon of him. Gal.4.19. Revel.2. 17.

Oh let us labour to have the Name of Chriſt ſet aright upon our hearts, that it might make a deep impreſſion, that it might take effect to work effectually.

Oh let us labour to have our converſation built upon that ſubſtantiall rock ſtedfaſtly; for if it be built upon ſandy ground, it will

fall; but if it be built upon that substantial rock, it will stand for ever.

November the 21th.

Trust the Lord, for he is a trusty one, he is to be trusted; he hath promised, that *they that trust in him shall stand as Mount Zion, that shall never be removed,* but abideth for ever.

Oh let us wait and be patient untill the appointed time of the Lord, for his time is the best time: *For he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry.*

Heb. 10. 37

Take heed that yon sowe not good seed on thorny ground, lest the thorns spring up and choke it.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, lest we be blown up with this world, and the vanities thereof; if we could but feel one dram of the sweetnesse of Christ, we should not give way to the vanities of the world as we do; but while we are in the flesh, we are apt to follow the lusts of the flesh; if we could be so sensible of the sweetnesse of Christ, and apprehend it aright, we should be taken up so with Chrfst, and with the sweetnesse of him, that we should not be so carried away with the vanities of the world, but we should give up our selves to Christ,

Chriſt, and make him our Habitation.

The ſame night about 12 *a clock.*

She had great extremity of pain, and, as I conceived, would gladly have ſpoken, making ſignes that her heart was in Heaven, (as was thoug ht by thoſe who were preſent with her) for ſhe pulled at her breſt ſeveral times, and held up her hand as high as ſhe could reach, looking up with her eyes; and then, after a ſhort ſpace, ſhe ſpake, and ſaid,

Me is not in the hand of mine enemy, but in the hand of my loving Father; he is an ever-living, ever-loving and glorious Lord God, he is a wiſe God, and he will not give his children one laſh more then he ſees good for them.

After this ſhe ſpake no more until the eighth day of *December*, which was the day after the Lord had graciouſly given her the uſe of her Senſes and of her Underſtanding.

To cloſe up this ſecond part of the Narrative, I ſhall adde this, that ſome of theſe Speeches ſhe uttered, (though but few of them will need ſuch Apologie) in weakneſſe, as a childe under ſuch ſtrange diſtempers, as did ſomwhat confuſe and perturbe her intel-

lectuals; but other things she uttered thorow the strength of the Spirits assistance extraordinarily guiding her tongue to utter such things, as now she cannot tell that ever she did speak them. There be some things oft repeated; yet because either they are uttered with some variety, and were things that it seems her heart was much carried forth to mention; therefore I have set them down, and hope they will not be tedious, but may raise up further thoughts of them, when you read them over again, and compare them with the Scriptures in the Margin; and if you knew the state of the family, and the condition of some that came occasionally to hear her, you would say, there was a Divine hand that guided her tongue, and that God was with her mouth, adapting her speeches to their necessities.

Exod. 12. 4

And I suppose her heart was more affected with some truths before this ill fit, and of those things she makes the most frequent mention: But whilest I am Apologizing for her Repetitions, some may tax me for Omissions: some have said, that she propheſied, and no such passages are here related; to which I answer, there is no ground for such a report; there is one passage related in one of her Speeches, *October the 19th.* (in the end of

of page 107, and beginning of page 108.) about, Raiſing of the Maid; unleſſe they fancie this to be a Prophetick foretelling of her Recovery, I know not any thing uttered by her, nor could upon enquiry hear of any thing that might give ground for ſuch a report; but the truth is, ſuch Reporters (I hear) do ſome of them expect to have the gift of Miracles, and it may be of propheſying, and ſeemed to be much taken with Gods diſpenſations to this Childe, hoping it would have conduced ſomething to the promoting of their cauſe, but are diſappointed; for God hath opened the mouth of a dumb childe to confute their follies. It may be they propheſied that ſhe would propheſie, and ſo have proved themſelves to be falſe prophets.

My hearts deſire and prayer to God ſhall be, that theſe Speeches may take as deep impreſſion upon the hearts of the Readers, as they did upon her body, who was the Speaker: God was pleaſed to hold her upon the rack for ſo many weeks, nay moneths, in which ſhe endured grievous torturings; and yet to enable her to ſpeak ſuch things, ſurely ſo extraordinary a Teacher requires more then ordinary attention. When *Jonah*, who had bin ſo cloſe a ſtudent in the Whales belly

Colledge, came to preach to the Ninevites the strangenesse of the Relation concerning the Preacher, might make his Sermons take more with them, *Shall not they rise in Judgement against the men of this Generation?* some it may be (with *Pharaohs* South-sayers) will acknowledge *the finger of God* is in this, when his whole hand is visible; but if men sleight such dispensations, no wonder: for *if they hear not* Moses *and the Prophets, neither will they be perswaded, though one rose from the dead.* God indulged to the Israelites (its thought) to enjoyne them Ceremonies of his devising, to prevent their use of, or hankering after such as were of mans devising; God seems to indulge to the weaknesse of some in such extraordinary actings of his Providence (in this Instance, and a few others which might be mentioned;) but if the Father of the Family take all this care, and yet men are not contented with his established Institutions, but *they are finding out new Inventions*; God will certainly correct this wantonizing humour: It argues, our stomacks are foul and crazy, when we must have new dishes every meal, and cannot feed upon the standing dishes of Gods Ordinances: the *King of Saints* will not be thus affronted, but level and discharge the Ordnance of his power against

Exod. 8. 19

Luke 16. *ult.*

Eccles. 7. 29.

Zach. 14. 16, 17, 18. 19.

againſt thoſe that diſclaim the Ordinances of his Grace. But I hope, through the pourings out of the Spirit many ſhall be ſo wiſe as to obſerve theſe things, and to profit by ordinary and extraordinary diſpenſations; and ſurely, *They ſhall underſtand the loving kindeneſſe of the Lord.*

The third Part of the NARRATIVE;

Containing

The wonderfull Recovery of this Childe of Wonders.

MAny dayes had been ſet apart in the Family to ſeek the face and favour of God, on the behalfe of this afflicted Childe; which Duties her parents, (as *Obed-Edom* the Ark) were forward to entertain (as at other times, ſo) now in this their afflicted condition. They have had much experience that God was a *God hearing prayer*; and therefore would not be beaten off from theſe (now alas, too much neglected) meanes, from which they had ſucked much ſweetneſſe, having

ving found God sometimes marvellously helping of them, till they were *strong in the power of his might*, but alwayes helping them with a little help, and bearing up their spirits under the trials, though they did not obtain a full enlargement: and when one told the father of this childe, that the room was not able to bear so many as came to seek God in those duties: he replied, The more, the better, so that those who come, can pray and believe.

2 Chron. 26.15. Dan.11. 34.

But yet the Lord in wisdome seemed to us to be *as one astonished, as a mighty man that cannot save*, the Childes distempers of body growing more violent, she having most terrible crying fits, (by reason of her extream pain, which crying fits continued till she vomited blood, and then she was quiet) which were very grievous and afflictive to the spirits of all that heard her; and the whole Family so continually under sadnesse, and their sleep so broken, that you might have seen *Every one with their hands upon their loines, as a woman in travell, and all faces turned into paleness*. Which dealings of the Lord with that family did serve to awaken them to a more solemn way of seeking his face, and it was judged, that it was his purpose to have his providential dispensations in relation to this childe

Jer.14.9.

Jer.30.6.

childe more publickly taken notice of, that ſo they might not be hid in a corner, but many might behold his glorious goings, and bear witneſſe thereof unto the world, when he ſhould finiſh his work upon her: therefore her Parents did write and ſpeak to ſeverall Miniſters of his Word, (two of which have prefixed Epiſtles to this Narrative) and a Day was fixed to be ſet apart for Humiliation, of which many precious ſervants of God had notice, which was the ninth day of *November*: In which Day the Company being met at Mr. *Hatfeilds* houſe, and the work entered on, but the childe was obſerved by ſuch as did attend her to be ſomevvhat unquiet; the reaſon vvhereof they knevv not, onely a thought came in, that if ſhe were brought into the Room vvhere the Company vvas aſſembled, that then ſhe might poſſibly be quieter; vvherefore her Maid brought her in her armes, vvhere ſhe continued quietly all the time vve vvere at the duty, not once interrupting us, and the *eye did* ſerve to *affect the heart*, and to helpe them to vvraſtle vvith God more affectionately; this paſſage is the more vvonderful; becauſe (ſo farre as could be rationally judged) ſhe did neither hear or ſee or knovv any body; and ſo vve knovv not hovv ſhe ſhould under-

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understand that there vvas such a vvork in hand, unlesse the Lord should hint it to her, (as he did many of her Speeches, if not all) and indeed, some of her Speeches the night before and night after the Duty vvas concluded, do import such a thing. See her Speeches *November* the eighth, vvhere she quotes that *Psal.* 50.15. and suitably to that she added after: Oh let us cry aloud unto the Lord in the time of necessity, and he hath promised to give ear to us; vvhich vvord did strongly call upon us to cry mightily unto the Lord: there are many other passages that night, vvhich I refer the Reader to, and vve took them as messages sent from Heaven to quicken our hearts in the duty; there vvas one passage that night, *viz.* her fourth speech about repentance and faith; vvhereby she did direct us hovv to order our Humiliations as desiring they might be Evangelicall, not legall; the fruits of faith, not of slavish feares: she vvould have us look on Christ, and then mourn; believe, and then repent; and vvhen the duty vvas concluded *November* the ninth, at her usuall time she uttered severall passages, vvherein vve might observe God exceedingly ordering of her vvords, as the first speech that night, and the fourth, and the seventh, and especially the ninth, vvhich

Zach.12. 10.

vvhich was an admirable caution given in to us.

Novv to return, that vvhich vvas (in relation to the childe) ſet upon our hearts particularly to ask of God, vvas this, that he vvould pleaſe to quiet her ſpirit, eaſe her of her pain, ſo that the cares of her dear relations might not be filled vvith ſuch dolefull cries, nor their hearts vvith thoſe fears and amazements, vvhereby they vvere much unfitted to act Faith, or do any duty to God or man; extream ſadneſſe and faintings oppreſſing and overvvhelming their ſpirits; and in this the Lord vvas pleaſed graciouſly to anſvver the deſires of his poor Servants through the Interceſſion of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, vvhich vve had notice of at our next meeting, and did deſire to improve it, taking it as a pledge that God vvould do more for us, and ovvn us in our Attendances upon him in his ovvn vvay.

At the end of that day of Humiliation a Motion vvas made, that vve might continue once a moneth (at leaſt) to ſeek God untill he ſhould be pleaſed to come vvith *healing under his vvings.* Thoſe that vvere engaged in that vvork living at a great diſtance from one another, vve could not vvell meet oftener then once a moneth, and vvith that reſo-

reſolution we parted, waiting to ſee what the Lord would do for his Servants in that Family, whoſe condition God did very much aſſiſt thoſe who were engaged in that Duty to bear upon their hearts continually, with much tenderneſſe. The time appointed for the next day of Humiliation was, as I remember; the 9 day of *December* next enſuing.

But the Lord ordered things ſo, that the childe grew exceeding weak, not being able to ſpeak from the 21 of *November*, any more, (as was before noted,) ſo that her friends did think that God was comming to finiſh his work, and her time of warfare here in the body.

Wherefore her father diſpatcht meſſages to the Miniſters and Chriſtians to meet & keep a day of Humiliation, on Thurſday, the ſecond of *December*, (a week ſooner then we thought of) and accordingly we met on that day, and found her very weak, (ſo that ſhe was not brought into the room, where we performed the Duties of the day:) That which (amongſt other things, as particularly relating to her) was deſired of God, was, that God would manifeſt his power in enabling her to ſpeak again, that ſo, whileſt ſhe lived, ſhe might be uſefull and inſtrumentall for his glory; her Speeches having bin very powerful upon

upon the hearrs of many (we hope, to the converſion, at leaſt, conviction of ſome, and the edification of moſt that heard them:) God was alſo very earneſtly intreated (with many arguments which his Spirit ſuggeſted) to raiſe her up, that he, perfecting his work, might have perfect praiſes; and his work might be cleared to the conviction of ſlanderous tongues, and the further comfort and ſatisfaction of the hearts of his people; the day being finiſhed, we departed to our Homes, deſiring to ſubmit, and wait the Lords leaſure, and (if ſhe lived) to continue ſeeking of him. But, behold, God was better to us then we could think, and when we had ſcarce faith to believe what he had (in ſome meaſure) ſet our hearts a work to ask (upon the ninth of *December*, the Day which formerly, as I noted, we had agreed together to have ſought God for her, but did perform the duty a week ſooner: I ſay, upon that day) we had (as a reall Teſtimony of her Fathers thankfulneſſe to God, and reall reſpects to us) the joyfull news of her marvellous Recovery tranſmitted to us, which take as followeth,

Mr.

Mr. Hatfield *his faithfull Relation of the Lords Work, in recovering Mrs.* Martha Hatfield *his daughter out of her great Afflictions, which was by him sent unto the Ministers, who had sought God for her upon the second of* December, 1652.

MOre works of wonder from Heaven, which may teach us, and all that hear of it, to depend upon the Lord in the Duty of Prayer and Fasting. Since the second of *December* (in which day many sweet Petitions were put up to the Lordon the behalf of this childe) we have perceived some Symptomes, that God was restoring her understanding, as upon the fifth and sixth dayes of *December*, she would have given notice, and signes of that, which she had not given signes of before, since about *Mid-April*, and upon the seventh of *December* betwixt five and six a clock at night, it pleased God to open her teeth, being shut since the eighth day of *September*, (as I noted before) she yawned, and triall was made, and we found her mouth opened, and then she took food without spilling; after an hours space she

ſhe knew her youngeſt ſiſter, being about 4 years of age, who uſed to lie by her, and be very fond of her, and would be oftentimes kiſſing of her; and ſoon after ſhe knew her Mother, and rejoyced to ſee her with laughing and ſtroaking of her face, and claſping her armes about her neck; and then her Father came, and asked her, if ſhe knew him, and after a while (for her eyes were yet ſomewhat dim) ſhe did the like to him, holding up her hands together, as if ſhe would deſire him to pray for her, & ſhe did the like to her Mother. And we plainly diſcovered that God had reſtored at that inſtant the ſenſes of Hearing, Seeing, Smelling and Handling, for when we called her by her name, ſhe had an expreſſion, whereby we perceived ſhe heard us, as alſo that ſhe ſaw us, and there was a pair of ſweet Gloves, and we bad her ſmell at them, and ſhe put them to her Noſe ſeveral times; and ſhe had at that time much uſe of her hands, which ſhe had not before. And her Mother came to her again, & ſaid, What hath the Lord done for thee? art thou not willing to give God all that he hath given thee, thy Life, Underſtanding, and all thy Senſes, and Heart, and all? and ſhe manifeſted her ſelfe by ſignes, that ſhe was cheerfully willing ſo to do, by

holding up her hands, and lifting up her eyes with ſmiling, and plucking at her heart diverſe times, and then lifted up her hand as high as ſhe could reach, as though ſhe would give God her heart, and all; and about nine a clock ſhe knew her ſiſter *Hannah*, and her Grand-Mother, the Wife of Mr. *George Weſtby*, a Gentleman well known in the North and South, (a very godly Gentlewoman) and ſhe did expreſs the ſame by laughing and ſtroking their faces, and cloſing of her hands to her Grandmother, as if ſhe deſired her to pray for her.

Then ſhe went to bed, and God gave her reaſonable good reſt and ſleep; that next morning, being the eighth of *December*, ſhe had four or five ſick fits, her body, face and lips being very much ſwelled; but when ſhe was better, the ſwelling did fall again at an inſtant, and then alwayes ſhe held up her hands and eyes, ſeeming to praiſe God, and all the afternoon ſhe played with ſome odde toys, and Spice, which Neighbours had brought her, which ſhe had in a little Basket untill betwixt five and ſix a clock at night, and then ſhe fell into a ſtiffe fit, yet without any appearance of the Convulſions before, (as it had been formerly with her) and then ſhe ſpake, as ſhe uſed to do in a ſtiffe fit, and ſaid,

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Oh let us wait and be patient until the appointed time of our wiſe God; for his time is the beſt time, *And he that ſhall come, will come, and will not tarry; and the juſt ſhall live by faith; but if any draw back, my ſoul ſhall take no pleaſure in them.* Hab. 2.

Let us labour for Chriſt, that *Holy One, by whom we live, move, and have our being, he is all in all*; Oh truſt in him, and believe in him for all things, truſt in him, fear him, and love him, for he hath promiſed, *All things ſhall turn to the good of them that love him and delight in him.* Rom. 8. 28.

Oh let us labour for faith, for *He that is faithfull unto the death, ſhall receive a crown of life.*

She ſpake all theſe ſentences with much fervencie, lifting up her hands, and ſhaking her head; ſhe continued in this ſtiffe fit about a quarter of an houre, and then ſhe came to her ſelfe; and her mother being ſet upon the bed by her, ſhe laughed, and rejoyced, and ſaid,

Mother, ah Mother, how do you? Ah my dear Childe, (ſaid her Mother) how doeſt thou? ſhe anſwered, Me is pretty well, I praiſe my God. Oh Mother, love God, love him; ô get faith, get faith: her Mother ſaid, So I have need.

It is obſervable (though I did not ſo note it before) that one of the laſt things ſhe ſpake of, before God took away her underſtanding and ſenſes, was to ſtir up her Mother to get Faith, & that would carry her above all difficulties, and now ſhe begins with preſſing that counſell again, which her Mother deſires to make ſpeciall uſe of; and the Lord help her to do ſo.

Her Mother further ſaid to her: Ah Childe, thou haſt been a Preacher of righteouſneſſe, and taught us the way to heaven. The Childe anſwered, Have I? Have I? me cannot tell, I can do nothing of my ſelf; it was not me, it was the Spirit of God in me; I am nothing but a poor Earth-worme, and me hath nothing in me but what my God giveth me, for me is nothing but duſt and aſhes: and ſhe ſpake all this evening after, and anſwered any Queſtion (that was put to her) very ſenſibly, and was carried to bed, and hath had a very quiet nights ſleep; ſhe ſaid this morning, being the ninth of *December*, ſhe never awaked till that time, which was about ſeven a clock.

The Lord be praiſed for his marvellous Works, for they are wonderfull in our eyes.

Thus I have given you a true Relation of things ſince our meeting before God in her behalfe,

behalfe, whereby it is very apparent, that the Lord hath heard and anſwered the petitions of his people, and that the *Sun of righteouſneſſe is riſen with healing under his wings.* Mal. 4. 2.

The glory of the Lord be advanced with much thankfulneſſe for all, and of all; and more eſpecially of you, who ſent out the Dove that returned at the laſt with the Olive-Branch in her mouth.

The Copy of this Relation I received the ninth of *December*, when the Officers and Members of the Church of Chriſt in *Sheffield* were met at a private Conference, and I read over this Relation to them, which cauſed many tears of joy, and their hearts were mightily raviſhed with the appearances of God in this Buſineſſe; and as they had prayed for her, ſo did they then return praiſe to him.

Upon the 15 day of *December*, I did go to viſit her, at which time did viſit her the Lady *Lambert*, as alſo Colonel *Bright* and his Lady, who were much affected with the wonderfull Works of God, which were ſo evident upon that Childe: When I came thither, I met with the Miniſters, with whom I had joyned in ſeeking to God for her, though I little thought of meeting them there at that time: but ſo God mercifully

ordered it, that we might agree upon a day to call the Company together, who had joyned in seeking Gods face, then to exalt his glorious Name, who had wrought such wonders in that Family, and we agreed to keep the 28th. day of *December* as a day of Thanks-giving for what God had done; but the Lord knowing our dulneſſe and weaknes before the day came, did caſt in further mercies, that ſo we might be quickened to make his praiſe more glorious, as you will ſee in the ſubſequent Relation, which I received from Mr. *Hatfeild*, whoſe fidelity and conſeiencious walking is well knowne in the Countrey, and therefore his Teſtimony the more worthy credence.

The ninth of *December* the Childe lying in a Trundle-bed, at her Mothers bed-feet; her Mother (when ſhe awaked) asked her what a night ſhe had: ſhe replied, A very good night, I praiſe God, I never awaked till now, which was about ſeven a clock. Her Mother ſaid, *Mattee*, God hath done great and wonderfull things for thee, in manifeſting ſo much of his power upon thee, and to us in thee; the Lord ſet theſe things aright upon our hearts. Then *Mattee* replied with a
er ſpeech ſigh, Oh when the Lord is pleaſed to do great things for us, he expects and looks for

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great things from us; even as the Husbandman that ſowes a great deal of ſeed, he looks for a great crop; if he have a great ſeed-time, he looks to reap a great Harveſt: So the Lord, when he is pleaſed to do great things for his people, he expects great things from them.

Then her Mother ſpake again to her, ſaying, The Lord hath ſet thy condition upon the hearts of his people, and thou art a Childe of prayer, by which I hope the Lord will have much glory; for there have been many dayes ſet apart to ſeek the Lord on thy behalfe. Then ſhe ſaid, Oh is not that a great mercy? thoſe dayes were dayes of love to my poor ſoul. We do not diſcern mercies to be mercies, we are ſo full of corruption and ſin, becauſe the ſtrong man armed had taken poſſeſſion in our hearts, but there is a ſtronger then he that will diſpoſſeſſe him. Her ſpeech

Her Mother ſaid, there are many Miniſters who have wreſtled with God for thee both in publique and in private. She ſaid, I would be glad to ſee them, that I may give them thanks for their pains, and love to my ſoul. Her ſpeech

Her Mother further ſaid, We are comfortably incouraged to depend upon the Lord in the duty of prayer, for we have had appa-

rent and immediate Answers from Him.

Her speech Isai. 45, 19. Oh, said she, that is a sweet mercy; *The seed of* Jacob *shall not seek the face of God in vain.*

That morning she very freely and cheerfully expressed her selfe in any thing which concerned her spirituall condition; and she was so free, and her spirit was so enlarged to speak, that her Mother dissuaded her from speaking so much, for fear of spending her little stock of spirits, she being but weak.

Her speech Oh, no, no, (said she) my spirits can never be spent with speaking of my God: if any would feed me with speaking of my God, I could live upon it.

The same day, being the ninth of *December*, her Uncle *Hatfeild* (a Captain in the Army, a godly man) came to her, and did ask her if she knew him? She said, Me have forgotten you, but I hope God will give me my memory in due time, that I may know you; then he asked her, how she did? she said, Me is pretty well, I praise God; but within an hour and a halfe after, he came to her again, and did ask her if she did know him, and after a little time, earnestly viewing of him, (her eyes being yet weak) she said,

Oh my Uncle *John*, my good Uncle, my dear Uncle *John*! then said he, You have been

been a long time afflicted, but I hope you have found the love of God towards you in this Affliction: for those whom he doth love, he doth chastize. She said, I hope so. *They are bastards and not sons, whom the Lord correcteth not.* Her speech

Then he asked her, If she had not a dimnesse before her eyes? Yes, said she, but I hope, that if God please to lend me life, he will give me the comforts of life, to make my life comfortable, and that he will raise me up, and give me my senses by little and little; then said he, You have spoken much of God, and have been an Instrument of much good to people that came to hear you. She replied, My soul will rejoyce in that; it was not me, it was the Spirit of God in me: I am but a poor Earth-worm, and can do nothing of my self. Her speech Her speech

Then he said, You have spoken very much, there be two Books written of what you did speak; Is there so, said she? I wish they may look at a good end. He did ask her, whether she did remember what she had said? No, said she, I have forgot, but I hope God will give me my memory, that I may *tell to others what God hath done to my soul*; I pray, Uncle, pray to God for my Memory. Her speech Her speech Psal. 66. 16.

Being asked severall questions of such things

things as she had uttered in her stiffe fits: she answered to the same sense, and in most of the same words. It was asked her, whether faith or repentance was the first work in conversion? she said, You must first lay the ground-work of faith, and then repent, and turn home to the Lord; you are not at home here, you are but pilgrims and strangers.

Quest. *Her ans.*

Quest. It was asked her, what was the Corner-stone in the spiritual building of the Church? she said, Christ, but the stone is three-cornered, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Her ans.

Quest. It was asked her, what was faith, hope, and charity? She said, Faith is a gift of God to believe in Christ; hope, is a hoping to enjoy Christ; and charity, is the love of Christ.

Her ans.

Quest. It was asked, how we may do to get the door of faith opened? She said, Walk in the paths of Righteousnesse.

Ans.

Here by the way you may note, that the Spirit of God did sometimes help her to speak things that yet she did not fully understand; she had in one or two of her stiffe fits uttered these words.

Knock at the gate of Righteousnesse, and God shall open unto you the door of Faith; in reference to that speech this Question was asked

asked her, but God had not at that time revealed it to her; I believe more of the marrow of the Gospel could scarcely have been uttered in so few words; It's the great question with poor souls; they say, If we could believe, then we might have any thing; but how shall we get faith? here many puzzle themselves, as if God had put them to shift for themselves: as a poor man works and gets money, and that will buy him all things, no though we must ordinarily get faith in Hearing, &c. yet not by our Hearing; the Answer is here, Stand and knock at the gate of Righteousnes: that Righteousnes which justifies us when we believe, doth purchase faith for us that we may believe. Pardon this digression. Gal.2.16. 2 Pet.1.1.

It was asked her, if the Devil did not go about to destroy her. Yes, said she.

It was asked, Who conquered those Temptations? she said, Jesus Christ: the Devil goeth about to destroy us with his Temptations; but I hope they will not be laid unto our charge, but to the charge of him from whence they came. *Quest.* *Ans.* *Quest.* *Ans.*

At another time she was asked, why Christ had conquered Satan: she answered, For his own Names sake, and for my sake. *Quest.* *Ans.*

At another time, I being with her, did ask her, *Quest.*

her, whether she thought that God would recover her strength by his immediate power (as he had begun) or by the use of means? She answered me very solemnly, I do believe, that God will raise me up by his immediate power without means, *i.e.* Physick.

Quest. Then I asked her, if she did not desire that means might be used? *Ans.* She answered, that she had oft prest her selfe to be willing to use means, but yet she could not finde her heart made willing.

Quest. Then I asked, why she desired to be willing to use means? *Ans.* She answered, Because her friends desired it, and for their satisfaction.

Quest. Then I asked her, what ground she had to believe that God would raise her up by his immediate power? *Ans.* She answered, Because God did not make her willing to use the means, though she had oft desired it of him; and if he would have her use means, he would make her willing: and then she had heard of that Providence, how God shut up her teeth, whilest the Physician was in the House from the eighth of *September* till *December*, about three moneths; and she further said, that she thought that God would not that the Physician should have any one part of the honour of raising her

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so health, but he would have all the glory to himselfe.

At another time I spake thus to her, Cozen *Mattee*, you told me that you did believe God would raise you up by his immediate power, he hath done much for you, but yet you have many reliques of weaknesses upon you; Will you endeavour to act faith upon that power of God? She answered, It is my desire, but I have nothing but what is freely given me of my God. *Quest. Ans.*

One night when they were undressing of her, one told her, she had no shoes, (for they had given all her clothes and wearing things to some poor children, not expecting her life) and her Father said, there was a Shoe-maker in the Town, but he was a Quaker; she asked, what that was? it was answered, he was one that sleights Ministers, and Gods Ordinances: She replied, she would have no Quakers Shoes then.

At another time, the same thing being discoursed of, and she giving the same answer: her Sister *Hannah*, (who was very tender of her, and had prejudiced herself with her care of her and of her Mother in their weaknesses) asked her, if she knew, what the Quakers were? She answered, They are such as are above Onances,

Onances (for then she could not pronounce many words, her speech being gradually restored to her) her sister said, What mean you? she answered, I shall make you understand, they are such as slight Gods Ministers, whom he hath sent to preach his Word.

Another hearing of this discourse, did ask her why she would have no Quakers shoes, did she think there was any errours sewed up in the seames of the shoes? she answered, No, but (saith she) they say I am a Quaker, and to convince them, that I am not, I will have no dealings with them.

Many other such passages there were, but I forbear to adde more.

She continued pretty well, and with much cheerfulnesse of spirit, and the Lord was pleased to make her meat and sleep comfortable to her; but she had no use at all of her legs, but was carried to bed, and from bed, untill the 21th. of *December*, which day she being in bed about 9 a clock at night, her Father being in the room, she told him, she felt strength come into her legs: he asked her, How? she said, It trickled down, and came into her thighs, knees, and ancles, like warm water, and so continued a quarter of an hour: and after that working was past,

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her Sister *Hannah* took her up, and set her upon her feet, and she stood by her self without holding, which she had not done for three quarters of a year before, having had no use of, or strength in her legs, and when she was laid in bed again, she fell into extremities of hot and cold fits four or five severall times; one while as if she had been dipped in hot water; and again suddenly, as though she had been dipped in cold water, and presently after she was very sick and vomited; and that being over, she had much pain in all her joynts, and in great extremity from the head to the feet; then at an instant she said, I praise God, I am now as well as ever I was in my life, I am neither sick, nor have any pain.

Then her Mother spake to her, Ah Childe, now thou understandest how suddenly the Lord hath given thee thy limbs, even so suddenly did the Lord give thee thy senses and thy speeech, but then thou wast not able to apprehend it.

Oh, said she, how shall we be ever able in any measure to extol the Name of the Lord in praises that are due unto him for all his mercies to us; I desire that the Lord would be pleased to perfect my heart, and frame it as he will be pleased to accept of it, for I have

have cauſe to praiſe the Lord more then others, ſeeing the Lord is pleaſed to take notice of me more then others.

Her Mother ſaid, Childe, is not thy minde full of the apprehenſions of the Lords wonderfull dealings with thee? Yes, ſaid ſhe, but I cannot expreſſe it ſo largely as I deſire to do; but I hope the Lord will help me: I can do nothing of my ſelf; but I may ſay with the Apoſtle *Paul*, *I can do any thing through Chriſt that ſtrengthens me.*

Her ſpeech

Then her Mother ſaid, What are we poor miſerable Miſcreants, that the Lord ſhould make choiſe of a childe of ours to hold forth ſo much of his power and glory? She anſwered, It is not any worthineſſe that is in us, but it is the Will of the Lord; the Lord ſaw It good in his all-ſeeing Decree, for he had decreed before I was born, that it ſhould be ſo.

Her ſpeech

Her Mother ſaid, Oh, my unbelieving heart would never yield to think that there would be ſuch a glorious end of this affliction. Ah Mother (ſaid ſhe) the Lord hath done above your faith, what cauſe have we to praiſe him?

Her ſpeech

The 22th. of *December*, when ſhe roſe in the morning, ſhe ſaid ſhe could go; but we were afraid to truſt her ſtrength, it being ſo

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long a time ſince ſhe had any uſe of her legs, yet ſhe deſired leave to make triall how ſhe could go, and ſhe went up and down the room beyond all expectation, and the Lord ſo continued his good hand upon her, and ſhe encreaſed in ſtrength daily, ſo that upon the 28th of *December*, the time appointed for the Thanks-giving, when we met there, ſhe was able to come forth into the Hall to meet and welcome us; and we did behold a Miracle, it was wonderfull in our eyes, ſo that our hearts did rejoyce with a kinde of trembling at the glory of the Lord, which appeared in that Object, and it did the more affect, becauſe it was more then many (if not moſt) of us heard of before we came into the houſe; ſo that we ſee God had put ſtill more matter of praiſe into our mouths: when we came together to the duty, ſhe came and joyned with us moſt part of the day; but the place where we met being very full of people, ſhe towards the cloſe of the day grew ſomewhat faint and weary, and ſo withdrew, but was well preſently, and much affected was her heart with the goodneſſe of the Lord; in the morning, before we engaged our ſelves in the duty of that day, ſhe deſired that we might ſing a Pſalme or two which ſhe had made choice of, *viz.* the 103

Psalme, or the 118 Psalm, which of them the Ministers pleased, and in the close of the day the Assembly were desired to praise God in the words of *David*, written in the 118th. Psalme, and some of the verses of that Psalme which did best suit with the occasion of the day, were cull'd out, as the six first verses, and the 13th. verse to the end of the 18th. also the 21 and 23,24. and the two last verses. In that day as we desired to exalt the Lord in our hearts, who had so signally fulfilled divers promises, and that in particular, Psal. 118. vers. 15. which had been often urged formerly; so were her Parents very solicitous, lest they should not render unto the Lord according to his marvellous appearances for them and to them; therefore was that promise urged, Psal. 50. 15. *Thou shalt glorifie me*, which (as was declared to them) is not onely demonstrative of their duty, but operative to enable them to perform their duty; and so we parted with our hearts full of joy, and desires that we *might, be strengthened by the power of the Lords might to walk worthy* of these glorious ownings of his poor worthlesse creatures.

Since this day of Thanks-giving the Lord hath in much mercy increased her strength every day: she did not then go so strongly

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as ſince she hath done: one obſervable paſſage there was; she was ſitting in a Chair, and both she and the Chair fell, and she hurt her leg; but not long after she was obſerved to go with more ſtrength and nimbleneſſe then before; and God made that fall a means of her riſing up to more ſtrength, and not onely are her outward parts (through the goodneſſe of God) ſtrengthened, but her underſtanding, memory, and ripeneſſe of apprehenſion are much enlarged, beyond what they vvere before her ſickneſſe, which we vvere much afraid had been utterly and altogether deſtroyed in this ſad viſitation; and as a further addition, to make the mercy yet more compleat, the Lord hath been pleaſed to work a great change in the frame and temper of her diſpoſition, which formerly (by reaſon of the prevalencie of the Spleen, vvhich she is novv vvholly freed from; as from all other infirmities vvhich she had formerly) vvas much inclined to ſadneſſe and fretfulneſſe; but novv she is of a vvondrous, meek, quiet, and ſedate temper, and vvalks on vvith much cheerfulneſſe and evenneſſe of ſpirit; ſo that vve may diſcover much of God in her carriages; she is alſo very diligent in reading and prayer, and ſuch other employments as her Mother ſees

fit to exercise her in, so that she may be a pattern for many, vvho far exceed her in years; and God doth keep her in a wonderful humble frame; she is not lifted up vvith her Receptions, but desirous to vvalk up to her Mercies; she hath not much ravishing joys, but God hath made good that promise to her, He hath brought her health and cure, and hath revealed to her abundance both of peace and truth.

Jer.33.6.

It hath pleased God, since these passages of his Providence, again to try that Family, in removing from them that precious Gentlewoman, Mrs. *Fr. Westby*, Mother to Mrs. *Hatfeild*, and Grandmother to this Childe, an ancient Disciple of Christ, vvho had gained a great addition to her stock of Graces, and comforts by this Childes Afflictions and Restauration: She vvas full of the joy of the Lord in the beholding of these vvonderfull vvorkings of God in that Family, and is novv translated to Heaven, where she is praising God for those & many other Mercies, in a higher strain then our untuned spirits can reach unto; and when God had ordered ought that affliction upon the Family this Childe perceiving her dear Mother to be much dejected vvith that dispensation, did much labour to comfort her; and amongst other

other paſſages this vvas one. With tears ſhe ſpake to her Mother thus: Good Mother, labour to ſubmit to the Will of God; ô labour to ſubmit: if vve do not ſubmit vvillingly, God can make us to ſubmit.

I ſhall ſhut up the *Narrative* vvith this paſſage of this Childes dear Father in the Cloſe of his Relation vvhich he ſent to me, *viz.*

The povver of the Lord be made kno vvn in all his Works, vvith thankfulneſſe to his glory for ever.

To which I will adde my AMEN.

The Concluſion of the NARRATIVE.

THat Caution, which this ſweet Childe hinted, (as was before noted) that we ſhould look to a good end in publiſhing her ſpeeches, took ſuch Impreſſion on my ſpirit, that (though I was ſtrongly urged to it) I durſt not venter upon the preſenting of theſe things to Publique view, before I had firſt examined my ends in that undertaking, and could (through the free grace of God, I hope, in ſome meaſure) approve my Heart to him in that enterprize.

And ſince I have undertaken it, I am ſorry that I could not diſpatch it ſooner, whileſt the impreſſions were freſh upon the ſpirits of her Friends, but my many diverſions and interruptions in that populous place, where God hath caſt my lot, muſt be my Apology, and I hope the publiſhing of theſe things now may ſerve (through the ſupply of the Spirit of Chriſt) to revive thoſe thoughts and reſolutions, which I hope wil never be wholly oblitterated. That

That which I ſhall onely adde, is the ends and uſes, which, I conceive, our wiſe God might have, and which we and others ſhould make of ſuch wonderfull works of his, and I ſhall refer them to two Heads, they are ſuch as concern { Either 1 Particularly, that Family. Or 2 Generally, the Nation.

1 Particularly, that Family: and there

1 God did foreſee what his intentions were, as to that Family, in taking to himſelfe that precious Gentlewoman Mrs. *Weſtby*, the Grandmother of this Childe: she was one of the moſt affectionate Mothers that I have been acquainted with; she had two ſonnes, Mr. *Thomas Weſtby*, and Mr. *George Weſtby*; and two daughters, Mrs. *Hatfeild*, and Mrs. *Spencer*, Wife of Lieutenant Colonel *Spencer*; and she had much comfort in them, (as in her Grandchildren, all of them that are growne up, giving good hopes of Grace wrought in them.)

Theſe were planted neer together, and amongſt them she ſpent her time & ſtrength; ſome of them being much viſited with bodily weakneſſes, and manifold Temptations, in all which she was a ſingular help of their faith and comforts; I have heard of many dutifull Children, who have been very

ſerviceable to their Mothers, but have not heard of a Mother ſo officious (ſhall I ſay ſerviceable) to her Children; ſo that their affections could not but be much let out to her; and therefore the parting with her would be the more difficult: wherefore I think, God did act theſe wonders in that Family to ſtrengthen their faith, to arm them for ſuch a triall as this; that they who had ſeen ſo much of God, might be taught (in any triall) more willingly to ſubmit to God; He that raiſed ſo great comfort to them out of ſuch an affliction, they might now ſtay upon, that he would give an abundant ſupply to them, whatever comforts he ſhould take from them; He did therefore give them thoſe Cordials to carry with them, when they ſhould be put to Sea again, and meet with new Stormes and Tempeſts; and I wish they may, and hope they will improve thoſe experiences to theſe ends and uſes.

2 That Family (vvhereof this Childe is a member) hath been much afflicted more then other Families, and it hath been a praying Family; and many vvere ready to ſay, What are they better for their Faſting and Praying? they are alvvayes under affliction: I conceive therefore God hath ovvned them, that *as their afflictions have abounded, ſo their*

2 Cor. 1. 4.

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comforts much more; God hath made them eminent in reſpect of his wonderfull workings for them; as they were before, by reaſon of his afflictings of them; and I hope that when they lay their afflictions and conſolations in the Balance, they will experience, that afflicted godlineſſe is better then ſucceſſefull wickedneſſe; and that if the ſauce had not been ſo tart, their ſtomacks had not been ſo quick; and that if they had not ſunk into the waters of afflictions, they had never learnt to ſwim in the Rivers of true pleaſures.

I deſire they may yet more and more, and hope they do finde out many medicinal vertues in the great Herball of the Scriptures, which they had never diſcovered, had they not been exerciſed with new maladies; they would not ſo have learnt to live *the life of faith*, if they had not been ſometimes under the *ſentence of Death* in their own ſenſe; they would never have ſo powerfully diſcovered Gods power and faithfulneſſe, if they had not ſeen manifeſtly their own weakneſſe. Truly, I finde the moſt of God in thoſe who are moſt afflicted by God.

2 Generally, to the Inhabitants of this Nation, I conceive Gods ends are:

1 To convince them by his Works, who will

will not be won by his Word; the wonderfull way of manifesting these precious Truths by this Childe doth cry aloud to us to practise them: God hath raised up a Childe to reprove the men of this generation for their
Acts 4.27. oppositions *against that Holy Childe Jesus*, and to exhort them to seek more for Christ, who are so much in seeking great things for themselves; she speaks much of slighting the world to those that are so much slighting the Word: and ô that this use were made of it; that there were more seeking faith and Christ, and lesse seeking of selfe and creatures; that there were more practice of reall holinesse, and lesse breaking forth of open prophaneness, and that under the notion (ô dreadful!) of perfection; and that we may not be like, as was said of the Schoolmen, who turned all Religion *in otium, non in usum*; for, as *Luther* elegantly, God loves
Mal.3.2. *Curristas*, not *Quaristas*, practicers, not praters; walkers, not talkers of Religion.

2 God hath in these glorious actings most eminently and evidently carried on this great designe of love to confirm the hearts of people, that his presence is with his Ministers,
Revel.14. 4. and such sober-hearted Christians, *who have not defiled themselves with women*: *i.e.* (I conceive with others) with false worships, and

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to bear witneſſe againſt thoſe who ſlight the Inſtitutions & appointments of Jeſus Chriſt, and obtruding upon miſerably ſeduced ſouls things of their own deviſing, which never came into his heart to appoint; who inſtead of following the lamb where ever he goeth, do follow the wolf in a lambs skin where-ever he goeth; who ſlight the written word and ſo ſtrike at the Crown and Scepter of Jeſus Chriſt, *the King of Saints.* God hath opened the mouth of the Dumbe to confute the madneſſe of thoſe that oppoſe his holy Inſtitutions, and in that he hath ſo miracu-louſly raiſed her up at the entreaties of his poor Miniſters and Servants, when ſome of thoſe above-Ordinances-people ſcorned at our Faſtings and Prayings, he hath evident-ly owned (ſhall I ſay us? alas, who are we? we deſire to be willing *to decreaſe, ſo that Chriſt may increaſe*, but he hath owned) his own Ordinances and Officers, and thoſe deſpiſed duties of Faſting and Prayer: and ô that they, who ſlight theſe appointments of Chriſt, would conſider thoſe Prophecies, *Iſa.* 66. 24. with 23. and *Zachar.* 14. from 16 to 19 *verſ.* which I conceive are prophecies calculated for Goſpel-times, and will (in the Minatory part thereof) fall heavy upon the new Goſ-pellers of our times, and wo to them againſt whom

whom the ſweet-mouth'd promiſes ſhall ſpit fire and brimſtone; the coales of ſweet *Juniper*, they ſay, are the hotteſt.

It may be ſome (whoſe principles and practices are looſe enough) will ſay, God hath owned them in their ſeekings of him: To ſuch I ſhall onely ſay this, that as when men comply vvith Antichriſt, (though indirectly) God hath oppoſed their enterprizes, though he may love ſome of their perſons: ſo thoſe that oppoſe Antichriſt (though it may be indirectly too) yet he may and hath owned and proſpered their undertakings, and yet be angry with their perſonal errours and miſcarriages, and it was their happineſſe that they had a good cauſe, and though he heard
2 Cor. 1. 9. prayers that were ſent up for them as they did his vvork, yet not as they intended their ovvn vvork.

But ô that poor miſ-led ſoules would hear the voice of theſe providentiall actings of God in this example, and would now with others of Gods people gather together, and appoint themſelves one Head Jeſus Chriſt, owning him and his Inſtitutions, till they be as clearly aboliſhed, as they were evidently inſtituted by his unqueſtionable Authority, that *Great might be the day of Jezreel*, even of our Engliſh Iſrael.

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And if this *Narrative* may have any such effect upon the hearts of *my Dear Countreymen* in this Nation (*for whom I have had sorrow in my heart*) I shall turn my mournings into rejoycings, and in the mean time fix my eye and heart upon those promises, *Acts* 15. 17. *Hosea* 1. 11. and particularly that which, I think, excludes not the Gentiles, *Great shall be the Day of Jezreel: Amen, Even so, Come Lord Jesus.*

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POST SCRIPT

To the Reader.

THe truth of the Particulars rela-
ted in the preceding Narrative
will be avouched by many perſon
of worth, both for Honeſty and Piety
whereof, if any doubt, they may enquir
at Leighton in Yorkſhire, or in ſevera
other Townes neer adjoyning, and be full
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might have been produced; but this Re
ference is thought ſufficient.

We hope (Reader) thoſe that are eng
ged in this Work, dare not commit ſu
impiety, as to gull the World with a pie
of Forgery.

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